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M. L. CARTHAGE	5198	J. R. London	10th "
CALEDONIA	7558	E. H. Gordon	17th "
M. L. ARABIA	7901	J. L. Partitt	24th "
* PENINSULAR	5297	W. Wheler	3rd Mar.
M. L. CALEDONIA	7558	E. H. Gordon	10th "
* EGYPT	7912	G. Langbourne	17th "
M. L. PENINSULAR	5287	W. Wheler	24th "
* ORIENTAL	5234	J. F. Jephson	31st "
M. L. EGYPT	7912	G. Langbourne	7th April,
* SHANNON	4302	J. Chellow	14th "
M. L. CHINA	7899	T. S. Angus	21st "
* ORIENTA	7911	J. F. Jephson	28th "
M. L. ARABIA	7903	J. L. Partitt	5th May.
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Bombay, 15th December, 1899.

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CALEDONIEN	4,232	Bouvard	15th Feb. 1900.
INDUS	6,300	Chevalier	15th March, 1900.
SYDNEY	4,232	Aubert	12th April, 1900.
YARRA	4,255	X	10th May, 1900.
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NOTICES.

BYCULLA CLUB.

THE HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the Byculla Club will be held at the Club House on SATURDAY, the 17th February, at 9-30 p.m.

C. BOILEAU, Honorary Secretary.

16th January, 1900.

BANK OF BOMBAY.

NOTICE is hereby given that a DIVIDEND for the Half-Year ended 31st December last, at the Rate of 10 per cent. per annum, free from Income Tax, will be payable on application, on and after MONDAY, the 22nd instant, to Registered Shareholders, on 31st December, 1899.

By Order of the Board,

J. BEGBIE, Secretary and Treasurer.

Bombay, 5th January, 1900.

BANK OF BOMBAY.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Bank will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 12th to FRIDAY, the 23th instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

J. BEGBIE, Secretary and Treasurer.

Bombay, 5th January, 1900

NOTICE

IS hereby given that on and after the 22nd January, 1900, the undermentioned WILL SIGN for W. CROWDER and COMPANY, LIMITED, as follows:—

Mr. C. O. COBBIN, as Managing Director (Bombay).
Mr. D. S. SARDNER, as Managing Director (Calcutta).
Mr. W. CROWDER, as Managing Director (London).

and W. CROWDER and COMPANY will NOT SIGN as AGENTS for W. Crowder and Company, Limited, as heretofore, on and after that date.

NOTICE

RALPH DOUSE AND SONS, LIMITED.

THE UNDERSIGNED having been APPOINTED the CONSTITUTED ATTORNEY in India of the Liquidator of the abovenamed Company, all DEBTS owing to the Company, and all communications respecting the Company should be sent to the undersigned.

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Copies of the Rules can be obtained on application at the Bank.

J. BEGBIE, Secretary and Treasurer.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

SUIT No. 632 of 1896.

THOMAS HENRY MOORE and another, formerly carrying on business together in Copartnership in Bombay under the name and firm of Thomas Henry Moore and Company ..... Plaintiffs.

VERSUS.

HUSSONBHAI MOOLJI and SOOLEMANBHAI MOOLJI carrying on business together in Co-partnership under the name and firm of Hussonbhai Sulleman and Company ..... Defendants.

PURSUANT to the Final DECREE made in the above Suit and bearing date the 2nd day of March, 1899, the following immoveable property will be sold by PUBLIC AUCTION by the Commissioner of this Honourable Court at his Office in the Court House on TUESDAY the 6th day of February, 1900, at the hour of three o'clock in the afternoon.

PARTICULARS.

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All that piece or parcel of leasehold land or ground, together with the tannery and building thereon, situate lying and being at Lbaravi on the Northern side of Dharavi, in the Island of Bombay, formerly in the sub-district of Mandvi, but now of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 2:31 square yards be the same a little more or less or granted in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue, under No. 4, Collector's new No. 164 3, and new Survey No. 2-3743 and bounded as follows:—that is on the North by Government ground, on the South and East, by the land now or formerly belonging to one Poona Wassan Abdul Cadir, and on the West by Mahim Bay.

For further particulars and conditions of Sale, application should be made at the Office of the said Commissioner or at the Office of Messrs. Payne, Gilbert, Sayani and Company, Attorneys for the Plaintiffs abovenamed at No. 18, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay.—Dated this 13th day of December, 1899

A. K. OLIVER, Commissioner.

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Charity (allegorical) L. Knaus 26 by 32	...	
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Christ in Gethsemane—26 by 32—J. M. H. Hofmann	...	
Cold Shoulder, The 26 by 32—(a Hunting incident) A. W. Strutt	...	
Corner in the Marketplace, A—26 by 32—Sir E. J. Poynter, R.A.	...	
Couple of the Oakley, A (hounds)—26 by 32—The Blinks	...	
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Divider Affections—Arthur J. Elsley, 26 by 32	...	
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Bombay, Custom House, 18th Jan., 1900.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen Defender of the Faith, Empress of India.
Petition for Letters of Administration of the property and credits of JUNGLIRAM SHAMOO, of Bombay, Hindoo Inhabitant, deceased.
RANIA, widow of SHAMOO JUNGLIRAM, and JUMNA, widow of NUNUDRAM JUNGLIRAM, both of Bombay, Hindu Inhabitants, residing at No. 39, Upper Colaba, on behalf and for the use and benefit of ROOPCHAND SHAMOO, RAMCHAND SHAMOO, BALLARAM SHAMOO, and VEERCHAND SHAMOO and PARASHRAM NUNDRAM and KRISHNA NUNDRAM, the minor grandsons of the said deceased. Petitioners.

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Witness, SIR LAWRENCE H. JENKINS, Knight, Chief Justice at Bombay, aforesaid, the 18th day of December, in the year of our Lord, One thousand eight hundred and Ninety-nine, and in the Sixty-third year of our Reign.

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Novelty Theatre, Taylor-Carrington Company.

Prize-giving, Sir Mungaldas Gujerati Girls' School, Sir Mungaldas House, 5-30 p.m.

DESPATCH OF MORE FAMINE REFUGEES.—On Saturday morning, eighty-two famine-stricken people, who had taken refuge in Bombay from Kathiawar, were despatched to their native places by the steamship Mahanadi.

POSTAL NOTICE.—Mails for Natal, Cape Colony, via Calcutta, per (extra) s.s. Umkazie, will be closed at the General Post Office, at 6-30 p.m., to-day.

THE PARSEE ORPHANAGE.—Bai Ratanbai Eduljee Bamjee has, in memory of her deceased son Kaikhosroo Eduljee Bamjee, presented to the Parsee Orphanage a sum of Rs. 2,500 for the encouragement of physical education among the students.

THE BOMBAY COTTON MANUFACTURING COMPANY.—The directors of the Bombay Cotton Manufacturing Company, Limited, have issued a circular to the shareholders, stating that, in their opinion, the closing of the mill appears to be the most advantageous course to adopt during the present depressed state of the mill industry.

AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—Mrs. J. R. Machado desires to tender her sincere thanks to her numerous relatives and friends for their letters and messages of sympathy and condolence, which have been so kindly sent to her in her recent sad bereavement by the demise of her husband, the late Assistant Surgeon J. R. Machado. Having found it difficult to answer all individually, begs they will accept this in acknowledgment.

THE BHOWNAGAR STATE.—The *Rast Goftar* learns that Mr. Vijishankar Govrishanker, son of the late Dewan Gourishanker Udeyshanker, C. I. E., has been appointed Dewan to the State, while the State Vakil, Mr. Harilal Savaibai has been appointed Naib Dewan, Mr. Gopaldas Veharidas is to be the chief revenue officer and it has been resolved to do away with the Council which advised the Maharaj in the affairs of the State.

ALLEGED NUISANCE AT CLEVELAND BUNDER.—At the Esplanade Police Court, on Saturday, Mr. Acworth, of Messrs. Little and Co., solicitors for Mr. Randeria, the legally-appointed attorney to Mrs. Cleveland, applied by consent to Mr. J. Sanders-Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, for the adjournment of the notice matter in which the Municipal Commissioner has been called upon to remove the alleged nuisance at Cleveland Bunder, Worlee. The matter was adjourned to the 8th instant.

ANJUMAN-E-ELMEE-E-FARSEE.—Prince Mahomed Mirza, the Consul General for Persia, has been nominated the president of the above-named society established for the encouragement of Persian science in Bombay; and has shown much zeal for the furtherance of the objects of the society. A new Munshi has been appointed in the person of a member of a highly respectable Persian family, Mr. Mirza Mahomed Alikhan, who has travelled much in Europe, and is also a good French scholar.

HIS EXCELLENCY LORD SANDHURST.—A meeting of the committee appointed to consider what steps should be taken to commemorate the services of Lord Sandhurst as Governor of Bombay, was held on Friday last, at Mr. J. N. Tata's Esplanade House, when among those present were Sir George Cotton, chairman; and the Hon. Mr. Chimanlawarker, the Hon. Mr. Vijbhukundas Atmaram; Khan Bahadur D. R. Chichgar; Messrs. Virchand Dipchand, C.I.E.; Kallabhoy Lallubhoy; Jeejeebhoy Framjee Petit, Vithaldas Damodar Thackersey, and J. M. Framjee Patel. It was resolved to call a meeting in the Town Hall for the purpose in the beginning of next month.

PLAGUE AND SUICIDE.—About 2 o'clock, on Saturday afternoon, the dead body of a Hindu, name unknown, was found lying at the bottom of the water tank on Girgaum Road. The police were informed, and they had the body removed from the well. The body was dressed in a *bundee* and *dhotur*, and bore no external marks of violence, but there was a bulge in the right groin. There were three gold rings in the ears. Information was circulated, but no one came forward to identify the deceased. There was a complete parapet wall round the well, which contained about nine feet of water. The deceased was emaciated, and the deceased appeared to have been ailing. At an inquest held by Mr. Turner, the coroner, same evening, the jury returned a verdict of suicide.

SCALDED TO DEATH.—An inquiry was held on Saturday at the J. J. Hospital, by Mr. Turner, the coroner, on the body of Lingappa Rudra a Kamati labourer aged about thirty-five years. The deceased resided in 13th Street Kamathipora. About a month ago deceased while going up to a loft by means of a ladder, to sleep, became giddy, and fell on to a chatty containing Rs. 100 of boiling gurry. He received extensive scalds on his body. He was treated at home with household remedies until the 15th instant, when his condition becoming worse, his sister took him to the J. J. Hospital. The deceased, after admission, did not show any signs of improvement, and died on Friday evening. The jury returned a verdict that deceased died from scalds, the result of his accidentally falling on a chatty of boiling gurry.

SUICIDE OF A WIFE.—About half-past 3 o'clock on Friday afternoon a Maratha woman, named Krishnabai, aged about seventeen years, who resided with her husband on the second floor of a chawl, at Chinchpooly Road, jumped out of a window of her room, and so committed suicide. The distance of about twenty-five feet. The woman was picked up by her husband and two others in an unconscious state, and removed to her room upstairs, where she expired in about ten minutes after. From enquiries made by the police it appears that deceased was a woman of bad character, and frequently ran away from home. On the day in question, the husband scolded her, tied her hands, and shut her up in the room alone, and then went downstairs. Shortly afterwards he heard the noise of a fall and a woman, named Sallo, who resides in the same house, raised an alarm, that Krishna had jumped out of the window. Mr. Allen F. Turner, the coroner, held an inquiry on Saturday morning, when the jury on the evidence returned a verdict of suicide.

KILLED BY A TRAM CAR.—A coroner's inquiry was held on Saturday, at the J. J. Hospital, on the body of Gunga, a Hindu widow, aged about seventy years. The deceased had been residing at Nani, in the Poona Collectorate, but came to Bombay on the 9th instant, and put up at her daughter's house, at Null Bazaar. About 2 o'clock, on the afternoon of the day, she left her daughter's place to go to Duncan Road, to visit her son, Tatiabs. A few minutes after, deceased was seen walking along Bhendy Bazar Road, alongside the tram line on the west side. At that time a yellow tram-car, drawn by two horses, was going behind the woman and some bullock carts were coming from the opposite direction. The driver of the tram-car whistled and shouted out to the deceased to get out of the way, but she did not appear to hear the warning. She was knocked down by the footboard on her left side, and the front wheels passed over her right arm. She was removed by the police to the J. J. Hospital, where, on the following day, the injured arm was amputated. She did not show any signs of improvement, and died on the evening of Saturday morning. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death in accordance with the above facts.

NOVELTY THEATRE.

THE Taylor-Carrington management are to be congratulated upon the success of the matinee performance they gave last Saturday afternoon. Containing as it did so much that appealed to both eye and ear, it was suitable for children of all ages and the enthusiastic manner in which the adult present laughed and applauded was very conclusive evidence that the entertainment appealed strongly to their risibilities. The performance of Uncle Tom's Cabin by Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Carrington and the Taylor-Carrington Company amused and interested as much as the feats of Mr. Sid Black the Marios and the other members of the Globe Trotters Company. Indeed the latter astounded. It is to be hoped that the management will give another matinee of a similar character before they close their season. On Saturday night there was a complete change of programme. Mr. Charlie Taylor, assisted by Miss Carrington and the members of their company, appeared in a very amusing farcical comedy, entitled the "Mock Doctor," and gave a capital impersonation of the leading character, causing roars of laugh ere by his natural style of comedy acting, which is as enforced as it is funny. Miss Carrington and the other ladies and gentlemen concerned gave good performances of their respective parts and the audience showed its appreciation in a most flattering manner. Mr. Sid Black the Marios, and the other members of the Globe Trotters appeared between the acts of the comedy in an entirely new selection of their wonderful feats of dexterity; and the game of Foot-ball, with which the entertainment concluded, was watched with the greatest interest and most warmly applauded. Tonight the same bill will be repeated, for the last time under the patronage of Brigadier-General F. Meredith, commanding the District. To-morrow night, by special request, the favourite farcical comedy, "The Private Secretary," will be produced and on Wednesday we are promised the latest London version of the stirring musical comedy "My Friend Rosie."

BOMBAY EXTRA RACES.

THERE was a good attendance at Mahaluxmi on Saturday, and the racing was of a more interesting character, the fields being larger. Ebrahim made a successful reappearance and backers piled their money on his mounts—and with general success. Mulberry pulled off the Hopeful Stakes, and backers spotted the winner in Leader in the Bedouin Plate. Munwar also did them a good turn in the Substitution Stakes, and Ebrahim on Hakum continued his victorious rides in the Arab Plate. Light of the Age was the tip for the High Weight Handicap, but Albicore won very easily. Mr. Ali bin Talib's horses seem to be in excellent form, and he scored a further success in the Medium Plate with Raby. Thunder was heavily backed in this event but he was last throughout, and he seems to run better over five furlongs than when tried over a longer distance. Jehangir was considered a good thing for the Maiden Plate, and he easily accounted for the opposition. The stewards met and considered the objection against Pilgrim at last week's meeting, but it was decided not to interfere with the race.

The Hopeful Stakes.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 50; third Rs. 25. For Arab Ponies 13-3 and under landed since 1st August, 1899. 12-3 to carry 9st. W. A. Pensilties.

Mr A R Amer's b a h Mulberry, 7st 10lbs.....Ebrahim 1
Mr Ali bin Amer's b a h Beauty, 8st 3lbs.....Soda 2
Mr A M Shamlin's b h Chrysolite, 7st 3lbs.....Heeroo 3
Messrs Mathuradass Goculdass and Anandji Nanji's b a h Leo, 8st 2lbs.....Johnson 0
Mr Mahomed Haji Ebrahim's b a h Dudu, 8st 2lbs.....C B Mahomed 0
Mr Saleh Tookmachi's b a h Commander, 8st 6lbs.....Banyard 0

Betting: 2 to 1 on Mulberry; 4 to 1 Beauty; 4 to 1 Chancellor; 10 to 1 others.

Beauty with Chancellor led to the corner where Mulberry shot to the front and won by a length. Chancellor was third. Time—1min, 9 2-5secs.

The Bedouin Plate.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 50; third, Rs. 25. For Arab Horses landed since 1st August, 1899. W. A. Pensilties—Winners of a race value Rs. 50 or over: once 4lbs; twice, 7lbs; oftener 10lbs. Allowances—Ponies 12lbs. Distance—5 furlongs

Mr A R Amer's b a h Leader, 8st 12lbs.....Soda 1
Mr A R Obayed's b a h Vanitas, 8st 11lbs C B Mahomed 2
Mr Mir Akbar's b a h Cyrus, 8st 2lbs.....Johnson 0
Mr Hoosein bin Kaderi's g a h Bagdad, 7st 13lbs Saleh 0
Mr Flower's b a h Flower King, 7st 13lbs.....Heeroo 0
Mr Lyndon's g a h Phobos 7st 13lbs.....Johnson 0

Betting: Evens on Leader; 2 to 1 against Cyrus; 3 to 1 Phobos; 5 to 1 the others.

Leader got a good start with Cyrus, Bagdad and Phobos close up. At the bend, Vanitas challenged Leader, and Cyrus came at the finish, but Leader won. Time—1 min. 10 secs.

Substitution Stakes.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 50; third Rs. 25. A Handicap for Arab and C. B. ponies 14 hands, and under. Distance—5 furlongs.

Mr H Vishram's b a h Munwar, 8st 11lbs.....Ebrahim 1
Mr S A W's b a h Rejected, 8st 5lbs.....C B Mahomed 2
Mr Farmer's ch a h Escort, 7st 6lbs.....Heeroo 3
Captain Young's b ch m My Fancy 8st.....Ital 0
Mr Syed Rashid's b a h Walnut Tree, 8st 5lbs.....Johnson 0
Mr Abdool Aziz bin Saif's g a h Anaiza, 9st 11b.....Ismail 0
Mr Millward's g a h Thunder, 8st 3lbs.....Ebrahim 0

Betting: Evens Thunder; 2 to 1 Magistrate; 3 to 1 Anaiza; 6 to 1 Ruby and Advance.

Advance shot to the front all the way with Magistrate, Ruby and Anaiza close up. Round the bend Magistrate was eased, and Thunder dropped farther behind. Ruby went to the front, closely attended by Advance and Magistrate came again. In this order they finished two lengths, between second and third. Time—1min. 22 3-5 secs.

The Maiden Plate.—Winner, Rs. 200; second, Rs. 50; third, Rs. 25. For Maiden Arab and C. B. Ponies holding certificates 14 hands or under dated on or since 1st April, 1899—14 hands to carry 9st W. I. and Maiden Arabs and C. B. Ponies, 13-3 1-2 holding certificates previous to that date—13-12 to carry 9st. W. I. Penalties—Winners since 30th April, 1897, of a race value Rs. 50 or over; once, 7lbs.; twice, 10lbs.; oftener, 14lbs. Distance—7 furlongs.

Mr S A W's b a h Jehangir, 9st 4lbs.....C B Mahomed 1
Mr Ali bin Talib's b a h Brilliant, 8st 9lbs.....Brilliant 2
Captain Young's g a g Electro, 9st 4lbs.....Khanduo 3
Mr Mooshoo Shah's b a g Pilgrim, 9st 11b.....Ebrahim 0
Mr Hirjibhai's b a Bohram, 8st.....Soda 0

Betting: Evens Jehangir; 6 to 4 against Pilgrim; 2 to 1 Behram and Electric; 4 to 1 Brilliant.

Electric went away and led the field to the three furlongs, where he dropped back. Brilliant led, with Jehangir close up at the bend, and up the straight the latter took command from Brilliant and won. Electric got third place by half-a-length. Time—1min. 39secs.

MILITARY NOTES.

CAPTAIN JONES, 14th Sikhs, has been appointed to the Egyptian Army.

The following appointments have been made:—

40th Pathans.—Lieutenant Preston, to be Quarter-Master.

2-4th Gurkhas.—Captain Colomb from the 1st Battalion, to be officiating 2nd-in-Command.

6th Punjab Infantry.—Lieutenant Browne, to be Adjutant; Lieutenant Leeds, to be Quarter-Master.

22nd Bombay Infantry.—Lieutenant Melville, to be Wing Officer.

1st Infantry, Hyderabad Contingent.—Lieutenant Brton, to be Quarter-Master.

23rd Bombay Infantry.—Lieutenant Hay, to be Adjutant.

20th Punjab Infantry.—Lieutenant Lawson, to be Quarter-Master.

1-4th Gurkhas.—Lieutenant Browne, to be Adjutant.

The following officers are permitted to return to duty:—Colonel Christopher, Commissariat Department; Major Yate, 6th Punjab Cavalry; Major Bond, Commissariat Department; Captain Jackson, 5th Bengal Infantry; Captain Broome, 29th Bombay Infantry; Captain Andrew, 21st Bengal Infantry; Captain Cobbe, 2nd Bombay Lancers; Captain Blakeney, 3rd Bengal Cavalry Captain Cooper, 31st Bengal Infantry; Captain MacMullen, 12th Bengal Cavalry; Lieutenant Kimberley, 6th Bengal Infantry; Lieutenant Garrat, 3rd Bombay Infantry; Sub-Conductor Ramsay, Ordnance Department.

The following remain at home on extended leave:—Major Weller, 14th Bengal Lancers (four months); Major Drummond, Central India Horse (two months); Lieutenant Lloyd, 2nd Bombay Infantry, 2 months; Sub-Conductor H. J. Peason, Army Remount Department (till 31st March); Sub-Conductor D. W. John, Ordnance Department, (six month).

Lieutenant-Colonel Gibbs, I.S.C., will retire with effect from the 9th February.

Lieutenant-General Nicolson, Commanding Mhow District, arrived at Calcutta yesterday, on ten days' leave. Colonel Stokes commands during his absence.

Sergeant-Major Taylor, 1st Battalion, Scottish Rifles, has been promoted to the Quarter-Mastership of the 4th Militia Battalion of that Regiment.

Sergeant Bond, York and Lancaster Regiment has been selected for promotion to a Second Lieutenancy in an Infantry regiment, subject to his passing the necessary examination.

BOMBAY LIGHT HORSE.

SQUADRON ORDERS.

Bombay, 22nd January, 1900.

The Squadron will parade at Church Gate Station on Tuesday the 23rd instant, at 6-45 a.m. Dress—Marching Order.

G. W. MOIR, Lieut.,
Commanding B. L. H.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY MAJOR W. G. WILSON, COMMANDING B. V. A.

Bombay 22nd January, 1900.

1. Orderly Sergeants for the week:—
No. 1 Company Sergt Major Gardner.
No. 2 Company Sergt J J Marsland.

2. The following drills will take place this week:—
No. 1 Company Town Hall Compound on Nos. 2 Co Nesbit Road Head-quarters, Tuesday and Thursday at 8-45 p.m., 104pch R M L gun drill.

3. There will be Class Firing at Cooria on Wednesday. Train leaves Victoria Terminus at 6 a.m. (local time) and Byculla 12 minutes later.

4. Signalling will be notified hereafter.

5. No. 1 of Sub-division who have collected any money for the Transvaal War Fund will please forward same to the Adjutant without delay.

By Order,
A. J. PEILE, Captain, R. A.,
Adjutant, B. V. A.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COL. E. FERRERS NICHOLSON, COMMANDING B. V. R.

Bombay, 22nd January, 1900.

1. The Drills, &c., for the week will be as follows:—
(1) Byculla School;—At 6-30 p.m., on Monday and Thursday.
(2) St Mary's College;—At 4-15 p.m. on Tuesday and 7-15 a.m. on Thursday.
(3) Cathedral High School;—At 3-45 p.m., on Tuesday and Thursday.
(4) Byculla Scottish School;—At 5-30 p.m., on Wednesday.
(5) John Connon School—At 3-30 p.m. on Friday.
(6), (7) Company at No. 3 Co. Head-quarters on the 23rd instant, at 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.
(8) Combine Corps Drill and Recruits drill at 6-45 a.m. on Wednesday the 24th instant.

2. Lieutenant D J Sharp is transferred to A Company and will take over charge of the men from Lieut R H Vincent from that date.

3. There will be a meeting of the Council of the B mbay Volunteer Light Horse and Rifles Association at Head-quarters at 6 p.m., on Wednesday next the 24th instant.

By Order,
P. H. ROGERS, Capt.,
Adjutant, B. V. R.

BOMBAY RACES.

OWNERS are reminded that Second and Final Entries for the Bombay Races on 10th, 12th, 14th and 17th February, close on Tuesday, 23rd January, 1900.

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NOTES FROM BHOWNUGGER.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT).

BHOWNUGGER, JAN. 19.

WE are experiencing severe cold just now. The thermometer marks 48° (wet) 38° (dry). There was a distribution of rain at Vanbuldi on Monday last, when 5 cents were measured, at Veraval only a cent.

Mr. Vajeshanker, son of Goverishanker, who was an able Karbhari of the Bhownugger State, has been appointed as the Diwan Saheb of Bhawnagar, and consequent upon this success there was a flow of congratulatory wires from his friends.

Mr. Tomuji Sathna, who was the Police Superintendent of the Bhownugger State now on pension, left by the mail yesterday. There were many present on the station to see him off. Mr. Temuji has been a Government servant and his services were lent to the State. He had made quite a lot of friends here through his affability and he was held in much esteem.

TRANSPORTS FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

ON Saturday the transport Purnea, Captain J. D. Pearson, sailed for Durban, with 221 horses, 5 officers, 4 men (British), 1 native officer, 25 men, 55 followers, 7 chargers, 6 servants, 6 guns, 356 cases of shell, 10 waggons, and 116 cases of fuses. The horses were railed down to the jetty shed, Prince's Dock, and were quickly shipped on board. The Purnea left her berth "P" shed, at about 12 o'clock, and half-an-hour later passed out of the gate. A lascar of the R. I. M. Dock, was kicked by an animal, whilst being hauled up. He was removed to the Hospital. Captain Brasier-Creagh is in charge of the animals. Captains Thompson, Hampshire Regiment, Headlam, R.A., White, 2nd R. Irish Regiment, and Lieutenant Maxwell, 18th Bengal Lancers, have also proceeded by her. The Purnea is expected to reach about the 4th February.

Name of Transports.	Corps embarked.	Date of arrival at Port Natal.
Lindula	16th Lancers	20th January
Nairung	Do.	20th do
Fazilka	Do.	20th do
Urlana	R H A	22nd do
Mattra	Horses	22nd do
Pokin	Do.	24th do
Lawada	Do.	24th do
Ujina	R H A	27th do
Pindtan	Horses	28th do
Umta	Do.	29th do
Uganda	Do.	29th do
Nadin	Do.	30th do
Fultala	Do.	2nd February

The transports Lindula and Fazilka, after disembarking the 16th Lancers, will proceed direct to Calcutta, where the Indian Mounted Infantry Corps will be embarked for conveyance to South Africa.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m., on Saturday, give the following results:—

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In submitting our new Catalogue to the public, which can be obtained on application, we desire to place this object prominently before them, at the same time thanking them for the patronage and support they have already given us. It has enabled us to place the concern in some degree in as favoured a position as some of the leading Picture Dealers' establishments in London or Paris; so far, at least, as India is concerned.

A new feature, as will be seen in the present issue of the Catalogue, is that we have included all the different lines of business which we undertake in one and the same cover, whereas in former years they were printed in separate handbooks, leaflets, &c., necessitating a deal of needless repetition.

It has, therefore, been our endeavour to spare the public the tediousness of the task of looking through a number of separate prints for what they require, by compiling the present issue in as concise and handy a form as possible, adding to it an Index—a feature that was not possible to introduce in the former erratic sort of publications.

Of course, we are sensible of many defects in this our first venture: the principal one being the impossibility to embody in a trade catalogue a complete list of our stock of Engravings. We would, therefore, request those seeking any known engraving not enumerated herein to communicate with us.

We have, further, the pleasure of notifying our *clientele* of our removal into more spacious and conspicuous premises, the address of which we would ask them to kindly take particular note.

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SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE s s Crogoswald, 2,084 tons, Captain J Pearn, cleared on Saturday, for London, with a general cargo.

THE Hansa Line s s Hochhiemer, 1,809 tons, Captain H. Sandstadt, sailed on Saturday for Hamburg and Bremen, via Karachi, with a general cargo.

THE B I S N Co's s s Kola, 497 tons, Captain J. Robertson, arrived in harbour on Saturday from Karrachee, 18th January, with a general cargo, and the following passenger:—Mr. G. W. Sealy, Mr. Serbons, Miss and Mrs. Popir, Mr. Blomenstock, Mr Crowley, Lieut Kirkimbeck, and 27 deck.

THE B I S N Co's s s Dumra, 712 tons, Captain E C Russell, sailed on Saturday for Karachi, with a general cargo, and the following passengers.—Col. Hay, I M S, Mr P N J Jeejeebhoy, Mr A M Alex Lieut, Mrs. Legot, and 2 children, Mr. Hertnoot, Miss T M James, Surgeon Galliott, and 80 deck.

THE Austrian Lloyd's s s Imperatrix, Commander G Morovich, arrived from Trieste on the evening of the 20th instant with the following passengers:—His Excellency Bela von Ambro, Madam von Ambro and 3 children, Mr E Kohler, Miss J Curtis, Mr A Follis, Rev Roverio, and 7 sisters, Rev and Mrs Baumann, Miss M Heibart, Miss Ehrensfetzer, Rev S S Honbauer, Mr Plomer, Miss Ball, Mr A. Mahler, Mr M Dolly, Mr Hichens, Mr Rosdal, Mr A Wudman, Mr T Seyfert, Mr L Patronas, and Mr C Caralí.

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR.—JAN. 20.

Vessels.	Tons.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agents.
Sutlej		Weston			P & O Co
Booldana	2143	Croft			M M & Co
Nizam	1,000	Eliot	Calcutta		F Morrison & Co
H M S Lapwing		Lambert			Royal Navy
Simla	1093	Bamber			M M & Co
Chilka	1477	Hutchon			M M & Co
Gulf of Trinidad	1194	Duncanson			B & P S N Co
Dalhousie		Warden	Wet Basin		R I M S
Oriental	2193	Dempy			P & O S N Co
Bhundara	2215	Stunt			M M & Co
Chindwara	1502	McDougall			M M & Co
Golconda	3121	Watkeys			M M & Co
Florida	2310	Chapman			M M & Co
Ceylon		Chaner	Dry Dock		I L Service
Shannon	2390	Chellew			P & O Co
Patna	1184	Houlden			M M & Co
Obra	1,196	Brown			M M & Co
Nadir	2011	Morgan			T M & Co
Onda	3410	Shidrick			M M & Co
Slingsby	2091	Marck			Cory Brothers
Alnolo	649	Ritchie			T S & Co
Upada	3382	Honstoun			M M & Co
Hermod	830	Nielson			Bo Company

VESSELS IN DOCKS.—JANUARY 20.

PRINCES DOCK.

Shed.	Vessels.	Tons.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agents.
A	Clydesdale	2295	Sharp			M M & Co
B	Can Alpine	2245	Kewby	Dunkirk	1-2	F M & Co
E	Othello	3127	Rogers	Karachi		F M & Co
F	Kirkdale	1841	Gibson	Kobe	28-1	K N & Co
G	Heafarer	771	Malony	Colombo	2-1	V Ebrahim
K	Peshawar	2202	McAllistar	Calcutta	24-1	H C Joosub
P	Seto	1251	Carsten	Zanzibar	23-1	F Heyer

Transport.

P	Purnea	2127	Pearson	Durban	20-1 M M & Co

HARBOUR WALL.

Brahmani	524	Casum	Mangalore	22-1	Shpd & Co
Mahanadi	547	Budroo	Karachi	20-1	Do

VICTORIA DOCK.

Shed.	Vessels.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agents.
1	Singapore	2131	Piggarotto	Genoa	1-2	F Baldovino
2	Nucia	2319	Knox	Liverpool	24-1	W Y & A G & Co
3	Cragoswald	2085	Pearn	London	20-1	Bombay Co
5	Hiroshima M. Pu	2035	Yoshigawa	Japan	26-1	N Y Kaisha
7	Grosvenor	1,780	Thorburn	China	30-1	P & O Co
9	Stanley Hall	2660	Brown	Karachi	22-1	K N & Co
14	Nuddia	1944	Mills	Zanzibar	16-1	M M & Co
15	Canara	1215	Achon	Zanzibar	26-1	M M & Co
16	Bormida	1499	Sarordo	Hongkong	27-1	Balduino

MEREWETHER DRY DOCK.

King Arthur	1416 tons gross	B & P S N Co

*Probable date of departure.

Time Ball drops at Prince's Dock at Noon, or Greenwich meantime, 7h. 8m. 44·3s.

The Time Ball over the Clock Tower at the Bombay Castle continues to be dropped regularly at 1 p.m. of Colaba meantime, or 8h. 8m. 44·3s of Greenwich meantime.

ARRIVALS.

Jan.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
20	Oriental s	Jephson	Aden, Jan 14
	Cobra s	Robertson	Karachi, Jan 18
	Nawab s	Crebbin	Calcutta, Dec 23
21	Clan Macneil s	Gladstone	Glasgow, Dec 7
	Imperatrix s	Morovich	Trieste, Jan 4

DEPARTURES.

Jan.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
20	Ondina	Sheldrick	Calcutta
	Nuddea	Willis	Zanzibar, &c
	Cyprian	Roberts	London
	Dumras	Russell	Karrachee
	Purnea (Trpt)	Pearson	Durban
	Carthage	Hudson	Aden
	Hochheimer	Sandsleat	Hamburg, &c

The steamer Oriental entered for loading on Saturday for London, &c.

DAILY EXPORTS.—JANUARY 20.

FOR LONDON.

Oriental s—150 bales skins, Hajee M Abbas; 4,000 cwt bone meal, Mooljee Jamal; 1,200 cwt myrabolams, Argoon Kuldeep; 8 bales do, Munchejee Kalian; 9 cwt buffalo horns, M Mahomed and Co; 98 bales skins, E D Sassoon and Co; 30 bales skins, W and A Graham and Co; 200 bales hemp, Riddle Rowe and Co.

Cragoswald s—20 bales skins, M Jaffer Joomabhoy and Co.

FOR GLASGOW.

Nubia s—7 cases Indian continents, 3 cases Bombay dry ducks, Merwanjee Pestonjee and Sons.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Nubia s—25 cases Indian curry powder, Merwanjee Pestonjee and Sons.

FOR ANTWERP.

Othello s—1001 cwt myrabolams, M Jee Vulubdas; 2,000 cwt Mowrassel, Daarsee Sanjee and Co; 9,997 cwt teelseed, and 900 cwt myrabolams, Hali Brothers; 1,000 cwt myrabolams, E D Sassoon and Co; 715 bales cotton, Kessowjee Nopser and Co; 4,032 cwts gingellyseed, A Black beck and Co; 450 bales hemp, Riddle Rowe and Co; 1,336 cwt myrabolams, N Futehall and Co.

FOR HULL.

Othello s—2012 cwt myrabolams, N Futehally and Co; 1,01 cwt myrabolams, Hajee Essa Hajee Adam and Co; 1,01 cwt myrabolams, Moolji Vulubdas; 5,001 cwt tamarind, H Kaderbhoy.

FOR HAMBURG.

Hochheimer s—22 cwt cotton hair mats, Gladstone & Co.

FOR GENOVA.

Singapore s—1,000 cwt linseed, A Blaschbeck and Co.

FOR HONGKONG.

Hornlea s—20 bales twist, Sidney Sassoon; 99 cwt khilsalu, 32 cwt sangoor, 24 cwt jowarbales seed, Chong Tat; 32 cwt pearl coatees, Hop Cowt; 11 cwt pickles and chutnies, A Allarakia and Co; 174 cwt cork tiles, 32 cwt Rahimtoo, G Ebrahim and Co; 104 cwt kismis, Yan Shun and Co.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Coromandel s—3,320 cwt of iron, Killick Nixon and Co.

FOR KOBE.

Kirkdale s—347 bales cotton, Currimbhoy Ebrahim and Co; 100 bales cotton, Tata and Co; 60 bales cotton, Gadum and Co; 300 bales cotton, Tae Mitsui & Kaisha.

HIGH COURT.—JANUARY 22.

(Before the Hon'ble the CHIEF JUSTICE and the Hon'ble Mr. Justice CANDY.)

On Exceptions to the Commissioner's Report.

233-214-95—Cesigie L and O—Thomas Alfred Bulkley and another vs P C H Snow and another—Crawford B and Co.—Part heard.

(Before the Honourable Mr. Justice B. TYABJEE.)

For Consent Decree.

636-97—Framjee and D—Cassamally Jairajbhai Peerbhoy vs Khanoobai—Edgelow G and W.

33-97—Edgelow G and W—Kanoobai vs Cassamally Jairajbhai Peerbhai—Framjee and D.

For dismissal.

419-91—Little and Co—Khatri Purshotum Nathoo vs Shadavjee Veera and another.

658-98—Payne, G S and Co—Ajabahai vs Parwattibai and another—K P Bharucha.

622-98—Payne, G S and Co Mahomed Syed bin Gulam Mahidin vs Hassum Miya bin Sidozoodin and another—K P Bharucha.

146-97—Purshram—Haleo Hassum Hajee Jackeria vs Kallianjee Shangibhai.

503-94—Framjee D and Co—Kursondas Heerjee vs Premjee Heerjee.

312-99—Pestonjee R and K—Dadabhoy Dhunjibhoy Chamarbaugwala vs Ahmed Abdul Karim—Dikshit and D.

63-95—K D Shroff—Bai Asiatbai and others vs Hajee Joosub Hajee Abdul Sattar and others—Payne G and Co, H M and M and K D Shroff.

539-95—Mutubhai and J—Girdhar Dalsukh vs Amirchand Khimchand and others. Edgelow G and W.

618-99—Bhangir and S—Jehangir Lox nonjee and another vs Arder Rookajee Godiwalla—Mansukial D and J.

128-99—Payne G and S—Bandas Thakersey and another vs Bhawan Shanker—Ratnajee Mathurjee V.

639-99—Matubhai and J—Amthalal Ghellabhai vs Rangildas Dulabhdas—Maganlal and Co.

635-99—Bhikoil M and M—The Hope Mills Co vs Narronjee Kessowjee and another—Wadia and G.

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice RUSSELL.)

For Judgment on Preliminary Issue.

390-98—Edgelow G and W—A N Templeton vs Surg-Lieut-Col Edward Lawrie and others—Crawford B and Co and K and B.

755-98—Thakurdas D and Co—Abdoolally Umerbhoy and another vs The Sassoon S and W Co.

To Trial of Preliminary Issue.

540-99—Muljee and R—Laximbai vs Vussanjee Madhewjee and others—Little and Co—Part heard.

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

Long Cause and Testamentary Suit.

407-99—Tyabjee and Co—Motilal and another vs Jamnabai alias Mathubai and others—K D Shroff—B M and M and L and Co.

14-99—Bhikoil M and M—Dharamsi Laljee vs Motibai—Tyabjee and Co.

For Trial of Preliminary Issue.

73-99—Sorabjee and J for pauper—Abdo Ibram vs Raghoonath Nagur and others—Wadia and G.

Long Causes.

516-97—Muljee and R—Thakersey Rowjee vs Hajee Essa H Kaderbhoy.

552-99—Ardeshir H and D—Tribhowandas Vurjeewandas vs Purshotum Govindjee—Payne G and S and A H and D.

25-99—Payne G and Co—Molla Vulibhoy and others vs Abdul Hoosein Ebrahimjee—K D Shroff.

544-98—Tyabjee D and Co—Thaker Laljee Doongersey and another vs Bhawoo Nursoo and another—Bhaishanker and K.

327-98—Smetham B and N—Parsoo Arjoon and others vs Vanu Krappa Bhola and others—Jehangir and S.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, COLABA.

Bombay, 19th January, 1900.

Means of observations taken at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected 32 dex. Fah.	inches 29·967
Temperature of the Air	degrees 74·6
Wet Bulb Thermometer	66·0
Dew Point	(1·3
Relative humidity of Air	0·35
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded = 10)	0·0
Maximum temperature of air (read at 8 a.m.) next day	degrees 85·9
Minimum do. do. (read at 8 a.m.)	64·2
General Directions of wind	N, ENE, NW, NNW, ENE.
Movement of Wind in 24 hours	miles 243

* From midnight to midnight.

N. A. F. MOOS,

Director, Government Observatory.

THERMOMETER READINGS.

SATURDAY NIGHT.—JANUARY, 20.

10 p.m.	74·0

SUNDAY.—JANUARY, 21.

6 a.m.	71·8
8 a.m.	76·2
2 p.m.	79·4
6 p.m.	78·0

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

SATURDAY, JAN. 20.

LONDON advices of yesterday give the following quotations:—

2 3-4 per cent. Consols	101 3-4 plus 7-16
3½ per cent. Govt. Securities	04 3-8 plus 1-8
3 per cent. Rentes	160,
3 1-2 per cent Sterling Loan	113—1-2
Paris Exchange	25·19
3 months' sight discount	3 3-8—1-4
do. do.	3 5-8—1-4
Bar Silver	27 3-8 plus 1-16
£ 20 000 Silver Shipped to Bombay.	
£ 410,000 Gold " "	

EXCHANGE opened easy at—

T. T.	1-4 3-16
D. D.	7-32
3 months' sight credits	1-2
3 month's sight francs	1-74

Very little business passed either way. A little Bank demand was given at 1-4 7-32 for cash, the market closing weak at 1-4 3-16 for telegraphic and demand and credits 1-4 15-32. Banks are unwilling. Sellers beyond this month.

COTTON.—Liverpool and Manchester markets closed firm. Surats firm. Arrivals quiet.

Total days Sales	12,000 bales.
Sales on Spec, and for Export	1,500 "
Sales of Surats	Nil "
Total day's Imports	15,000 bales.
Middling Americans	4 19-32 plus 1-32
Fair brown Egyptians	7 1-4 plus 1-8
Good Madras Westerns	4
Fair Coomaudas	3 3-4

Middling Uplands in Liverpool—

Jan.	Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-March	Ap.-May	May.-June
4·30	4·24	4·21	4·13	4·10
plus 6	plus 4	plus 4	plus 2	plus 3

New York advices of Friday's date give—

Receipts of Cotton at U. S. Ports	31,000 bales.
Exports to Great Britain	22,000 "
Exports to France and Continent	15 000 "
Mid.-Uplands	7 13-16 + 1-16
Futures, April	7·43 plus 2
Do July	7·40 plus 2
Silver	59 1-2 plus 1-8
Exchange on London	4·87 1-4
Week's Receipts at the U. S. Ports	174,000
Exports to Great Britain	66,000
Exports to France and Continent	91,000
Stock at the U. S. Ports	9 80,000
" Interior Ports	7 10,000

The tone of our market is firmer with a fair amount of business doing.

Good Broach for March is named	226
Fully Good Bengal for January	192
Do. Do. March	193
Good Bhownuggur for May	219
For Export 100 bale Bengals were taken at	188
200 bale Khandeish	207
For local consumption the mills took—	
230 Bale Julgaum	208
100 bales Khandwa	214
100 do.	212 1-2
100 bales Dhamangaum	212

WHEAT AND SEEDS.—A small business passing in a quiet market with prices unchanged.

Receipts of Cotton at Bombay on Friday—

	Bales.
Khandeish	23 1
Barsee and Nuggur	81
Berar	464
Dhollera	92
Broach	574
Westerns	86
Bengals	4,876
Americans	116
Egyptian	799
Total	7,339

GOVERNMENT PAPER.—The market opened firm at Rs. 95-15 ready, 96 1-8 forward. On receipt of more favorable advices from London the forward rate rose 1-16th, declining to 957-8, and finally closing at Rs. 96 per cent, at which rate there were buyers. The share market was closed owing to the death of a leading broker.

FREIGHTS are quiet owing to owners asking 20s for February and 19s for March, which makes business more difficult than ever. Speculators', quotations are uncharged. February, 19 to 19·6; March 18·6 to 19.

Summary of daily arrivals of Produce into Bombay, on Friday, 19th January:—

	cwt.
Wheat	4,504
Linseed	332
Rapeseed	501
Gingellyseed	20,096
Poppyseed	126
Groundnuts	10
Castorseed	24
Rice	2,471

LONDON, SATURDAY, JAN. 20.

2 2-4 per cent. Consols	101 7-8 + 1-8
Bar Silver	27 7-16 + 1-16
3 per cent. Rentes	100
3 1-2 per cent sterling Loan	112
2 1-2 per cent Govt Securities	64 3-8
Paris Exchange	25 18 1-2—1-2
Saimoot for Calcutta	£2,000
Gold Do.	20,000

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed on Saturday steady with Manchester firm, Surat and Arrival steady.

Total day's Sales	12,000 bales.
Surats	2,000 "
Sales on speculation and for Export	2,000 "
Total day's Imports	2,000 "
Middling Americans	4 21-32—1-64
Egyptian Fair Brown	7 1-4—1-64

Mid.-Uplands in Liverpool:—

Jan.	Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-March	April-May	May-June
4·31	4·27	4·23	4·15	4·2
+2-1	+3	+2	+2	plus 2

Yellow Cawnpore Rape, 41, January-February, Dunkirk; Sellers via Canal—firm.

NEW YORK, JAN. 20.

Total Visible Supply	3,810,000
" " East India	48,000
" Stock in London	2 0 0
" Quantity in sight	6 370,000
Day's Receipts at U. S. Ports	24 000
Exports to Great Britain	16,000
" France and Continent	14,000
Mid.-Uplands in New York	7 7-8 - 5
Futures, April	7·50 + 7
July	7·91 + 5
Silver in New York	59 7 8 + 1-8
Exchange on London	4 87 1-8—1-3

[REUTER'S TELEGRAM.]

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, JAN. 19.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed firm. Surats firm.

Good Bhownuggur	5,25-32.

The Manchester Market has been firm.

2 3-4 per cent. Consols	101 3 4
3 per cent. Rents	100,
3 1-2 per cent. Sterling loan	112 7-8
3 1-2 per cent. Rupee papers	64 3-8
Bar Silver	27 3-8

The sum of about £750,000 has been withdrawn from the Bank of England.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

PLYMOUTH, JAN. 19.

The P. and O. Co.'s steamer Peninsular arrived here this morning.

SUEZ, JAN. 19.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Ross arrived here from Colombo, Madras and Calcutta, this morning.

PORTSAID, JAN. 19.

The B. I. S. N. Co.'s steamer Goleonda left here this evening.

HONGKONG JAN. 20.

The s s Massilia left here for Bombay this afternoon.

The s s Bengal arrived here from Bombay this morning.

COLOMBO, JAN. 21.

Mail steamer Oceana, from Aden, arrived.

The Austrian Lloyd's s. s. Gisela from Kobe via Singapore for Calcutta on the afternoon of the 20th instant.

The Austrian Lloyd's s. s. E. F. Ferdinand sailed from Karachi on the evening of the 20th inst. and is due here on the evening of the 22nd instant.

BANK OF BENGAL.

THE following is the statement of the affairs of the Bank of Bengal for the week ending 16th January, as compared with the statement of 9th January:—

LIABILITIES.	January 9. Rs.	A.	P.	January 16. Rs.	A.	P.
Capital paid-up	2,00,00,000	0	0	2,00,00,000	0	0
Reserve Fund	98,50,000	0	0	98,50,000	0	0
Public Deposits, &c.	1,37,36,813	3	9	1,48,45,338	4	5
Other Deposits, &c.	5,35,08,647	11	2	5,76,33,529	12	11
Bank Post Bills, &c.	7 39,269	1	8	4,93,093	14	7
Sundries	15 67 150	1	0	14,24,694	1	9
	9,94,21,900	1	7	10,42,46,696	1	8

ASSETS.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Government Securities	36,16,488	8	0	35 98,151	0	0
Other authorised Investmts.	79,99,934	0	0	79,06,774	0	0
Loans on Govt. and other authorised Securities	2,55 15,873	0	10	2 62,60 450	1	9
Accounts of Credit do.	2,38 91,922	15	10	2,36,38 127	7	11
Bills discounted, &c.	1,21 10,370	14	7	1 21 0 436	15	6
Balances with other Banks	10,80 0 7	6	7	10,66 041	10	6
Bullion	4,813	10	7	4,872	10	7
Dead Stock	13,66,516	12	5	13,76 9 9	10	1
Stamps	8,437	2	10	9 037	7	6
Sundries	11,42 814	5	6	10,21 001	15	7
Cash, &c., at Head Office	83 62 838	4	5	1,12 98 855	2	0
Do. at Branches	1,40,21,739	0	0	1,57,89,983	0	3
Rs.	9,94,21,900	1	7	10,42,46,696	1	8

LIABILITIES.	Rs.	
Government Balance at Head Office	1,43,910	Dec.
Do. at Branches	12,36,467	Inc.
Other Deposits	41,31,862	Inc.
Post Bills	2,44,167	Dec.
ASSETS.		
Bank's Investments	1,11,49	Dec.
Loans	7,14,617	Inc.
Accounts of Credit	2,5,796	Dec.
Mercantile Bills	1,03,914	Dec.
Cash at Head Office	29,01,017	Inc.
Do. at Branches	17,68,214	Inc.

G. I. P. RAILWAY.

Open 1,491 1-4 Miles.

The following is the statement of traffic, for 13 days ending 13th January, 1900.

	Coaching Traffic. Receipts.	Merchandize and Mineral Traffic. Receipts.	Other Earnings (Estimated)	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total	3,66,329	11,80,565	14,676	15,61,570
Corresponding 14 days last year. Open 1,491½ miles.	...	...	...	16,98,627
Decrease				Rs. 1,37,057

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DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

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BOMBAY.

BIRTH.

ALLUM—January 20, at Milverton, Pali Hill, the wife of Ernest F Allum, of a son.

EUROPE.

BIRTH.

STEVENSON-MOORE—December 31, wife of C J Stevenson Moore, Indian Civil Service, Westbury, Bromley, Kent.

DEATH.

McMAHON—December 28, at 3 Whitehall Court, Major-General A R McMahon, aged 70 years, formerly of the British Burma Commission and Political Agent at the Court of Mandalay.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

*** ALL communications intended for publication in our columns should be addressed to the Editor and not to any individual member of the staff.

The Bombay Gazette

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 1900.

ALL seems to be going well with Sir Redvers Buller and Sir Charles Warren. Their columns, having crossed the Tugela at two different points, many miles west of Colenso, on Saturday fought their way slowly and continuously over three successive ridges. That was only accomplished after thirteen hours' fighting, from six in the morning to seven in the evening. The main position was then in front. The next day, Sunday, that was tackled. General Lyttleton's Brigade was hotly engaged. It took seven hours' bombardment before the enemy would reply, and thereby disclose his positions. Once that was known the Naval Brigade and the howitzers, with their lyddite shells, silenced the enemy's guns in a short quarter of an hour and the position was carried. The result, our correspondent wires, is that the relief of Ladysmith is brought within measurable distance. Our losses were not excessive, 230 killed and wounded. In the proportion of some five to one which obtained in other big encounters in this war, that would give some forty killed and one hundred and ninety wounded. There was a large force of artillery and cavalry. The positions of the enemy were shelled, apparently for days before the actual advance was made. According to the *Times'* correspondent the British force on Friday occupied a position that commands the whole valley leading to Ladysmith. It is not easy to reconcile that statement with the fact that the relieving force had then the enemy's strongest position between it and its objective. It has been frequently stated that the whole of the country between Colenso and Ladysmith is a congeries of hills that were trenched and prepared for defence more than six weeks ago. The enemy rashly extended his lines from Colenso to Acton Holmes or Freres, a distance of 36 miles. It is now clear that Colenso was not evacuated when the Tugela was carried by Sir Charles Warren's column. The length of the lines must have increased the number of insufficiently held points, and thus facilitated the task of the assailant. The Boers are adepts in reinforcing positions that are threatened by withdrawing their mounted infantry from places, not in immediate danger, and hurrying them at the gallop to wherever they are most needed. Nevertheless the length of line is of itself a source of weakness, of which a wakeful enemy will not be slow to take full advantage. The relieving guns were heard at Ladysmith on Saturday, and the welcome sound rejoiced and inspirited the long pent-up garrison. It does not appear that the pressure on Ladysmith has as yet been in any way relaxed. More guns have been placed and the bombardment is more vigorous, though happily it is still comparatively ineffective. No mention is made of the withdrawal of a part of the blockading force to strengthen that opposing the advance of General Buller. The Boer position in his immediate front extends in a westerly direction of six miles, over a line of kopjes. On their west they hold Sprin Kop close to the river. On their eastern flank, Mount Alice, on which the Naval guns are placed, dominates their position. It is expressly stated that the Boer entrenchments extended several miles back from their position, which may be taken to be that confronting the British force.

Within forty-eight hours we shall doubtless hear of a general advance, which will decide whether the force, under Sir George White will be immediately set free, or whether deliverance be again deferred. The chances are certainly on the side of Sir Redvers Buller's strong force, amply supplied as it is with artillery high explosives and cavalry and mounted infantry. The Boers are not however inactive. A detachment crossed over to the south bank of the Tugela on the 15th and burned a village, for what dereliction or fault is not stated. They prudently retired on the approach of a force from Chieveley. Our correspondent wires that one effect of the engagement on Sunday is that the retreat of the Boers through Reenen's Pass into the Free State is cut off. It is however dobtful whether in any case Joubert would have retired into the Free State; he will most probably retreat to Laing's Nek, which is strongly fortified, and may give a good deal of trouble. From the west the news is on the whole encouraging. General French moving to his right flank, that is to the east, has obtained an excellent camping ground and abundant water. He met no enemy in his march of eight miles. It is satisfactory to learn that Lord Methuen has completely recovered from the supposed injury to his spine and is again on the move. He will now be able to push on the railway outflanking or turning the Boer position. This however will be no easy feat. The reconnaissance of Major General Babington to the westward of the camp, a fortnight ago, showed that the enemy's position extends from Koodesberg, sixteen miles west of Modder River station, through Langeberg to Magersfontein. From this latter point the works run along the river to Brown's Drift, and there turning east goes on to Jacobsdal east. There is communication by road along the whole rear of this position, and the ground in front of it is open, making the approach of an attacking force difficult. Lines of such an extent must be very difficult to hold if threatened by a vigilant and resolute enemy at several points simultaneously, with the determination to rush the weakest. Meanwhile the strength of the forces at the disposal of the British Generals is being steadily augmented and on an immense scale. The eighth division is being mobilised at Aldershot for service in South Africa, with Major General Sir H. Rundell in command. The Cameron Highlanders are to be replaced in Egypt by a militia regiment and proceed at once to the Cape. The Imperial Yeomanry, 10,000 strong, are on the way, and a second batch of the City Volunteers left Southampton on Saturday for the same destination. The Colonies are sending detachments to reinforce those already in the field. Altogether a mighty host to uphold our interests in South Africa.

There is of course a reverse to the medal Mr. H. W. Wilson, the well-known writer of "Ironclads in Action," points out that while we are sending our best troops to Africa and despatching with them not only the Reservists, Volunteers, and Yeomen, but nearly all our guns, we are leaving Great Britain

SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

SATISFACTORY PROGRESS OF GENERAL FRENCH.

LORD DUNDONALD AGAIN TO THE FRONT.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, JAN. 20, 7-25 A.M.

A despatch from Rensburg, dated Friday, states that General French advanced by his right flank some eight miles to-day, securing a good camping ground and abundant water. His march was unopposed.

From Spearman's Farm on Friday it was stated that a force under Lord Dundonald defeated three hundred Boers. The Natal Light Horse behaved splendidly. The Artillery shelled the enemy's position vigorously on Sprin Kopf.

This morning Sir Redvers Buller visited Sir Charles Warren's column which then started in Lord Dundonald's wake.

As matters now stand the enemy will have to be prepared to defend a line of 36 miles from Colenso to Acton Holmes. The British columns are very skilfully disposed, threatening the enemy on both flanks, while supporting each other. The objective of course is Ladysmith.

General Bethune's Infantry attached to Sir Charles Warren's column surprised and dispersed a Boer watering party east of Zwartz Kop, killing six.

At Capetown on Friday, a Dutch Colonist, named Kelfreen, was charged with rebellion, and committed for trial. He pleaded guilty and asked for a light sentence.

THE BOER ARTILLERY SILENCED AFTER SEVEN HOURS' BOMBARDMENT.

THE RETREAT INTO THE FREE STATE CUT OFF.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, JAN. 21, 12-15 p.m.

General Lyttelton's Brigade was hotly engaged. It required seven hours' bombarding to compel the Boers to disclose their positions having returned the fire with their artillery. The Naval guns and the howitzers then silenced the Boer guns in quarter-of-an-hour.

The effect of this engagement will prevent the Boers from retreating into the Orange Free State through Reenen's Pass. The British loss was about 250 killed and wounded, but of the enemy is unknown.

Everything now points to the speedy relief of Sir George White's force in Ladysmith.

OSMAN DIGNA CAPTURED AT LAST.

A telegram from Cairo announces the capture of Osman Digna near Suakin.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

THE BRITISH ADVANCE ON LADYSMITH.

LONDON, JAN. 21.

General Buller, wiring from Spearman's Camp this morning says, that in order to relieve the pressure on General Warren and ascertain the enemy's strength before Potgieters Drift, General Lyttelton made a reconnaissance in force yesterday and kept the enemy in their trenches all day.

The British had a few casualties. The 3rd King's Rifles had two killed, twelve wounded, and two missing.

Reuter wiring from Spearman's Camp says, the enemy's trenches were being shelled continuously while Lyttelton advanced.

General Warren continues firing, but the enemy have not shifted so far.

THE CASUALTIES ON SATURDAY.

General Buller wires from Spearman's Camp that eleven officers and 279 men were wounded in action on the 20th at Venterspruit, which is a stream between the Tugela and Acton Holmes.

The names of the wounded officers are :—

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MILITIA GO TO EGYPT.

The Cameron Highlanders have been ordered from Egypt to the Cape and will be replaced by the Militia.

DEATH OF A DORSET OFFICER.

Lieutenant Gore Booth, of the Dorsets, has died from enteric, at Mooi River.

LATEST FROM GENERAL FRENCH.

It is officially announced that General French has extended his lines eastward thus further threatening the enemy's communications.

DEPARTURE OF CITY VOLUNTEERS.

A second batch of 900 City Imperial Volunteers sailed from Southampton to-day for the Cape.

DEPARTURE OF NEW ZEALAND CONTINGENT.

A second contingent of 242 men left Wellington to-day for the Cape.

The Premier in a speech to the men said that if the occasion arose every man in New Zealand capable of bearing arms would volunteer.

THE POSITION AT LADYSMITH.

A Reuter despatch from Ladysmith, dated 20th instant, states that the enemy have placed new guns in position, and that the bombardment is more vigorous and about as ineffective.

Our troops are jubilant at Buller's advance. His guns are heard by the garrison and his shells seen bursting in the distance.

ALL QUIET AT LADYSMITH.

VERY LITTLE BOMBARDMENT.

LONDON, JAN. 20.

A Reuter message from Ladysmith, dated the 17th inst., states that all is quiet there, and that the position is unchanged.

Very little bombarding is going on.

RELIEVING GUNS AT WORK.

The sound of the relieving guns was heard yesterday at Colenso and Springfield.

A BRITISH INDIA STEAMER IN DISTRESS.

LONDON, JAN. 21.

A British India steamer believed to be the Mombasa is off Malta in distress and tugs have been sent to her aid.

SEIZURE OF ANOTHER GERMAN VESSEL.

H. M. Cruiser Pelorus has seized the German Barque Marie, at Delagoa Bay. The Marie had a cargo of flour aboard destined for the Transvaal Government. She was conveyed to Durban.

DEATH OF MR. G. W. STEEVENS.

Mr. G. W. Steevens, the well-known Special Correspondent of the "Daily Mail," has died from enteric fever at Ladysmith.

MOBILIZATION OF THE EIGHTH DIVISION.

The Eighth Division for service in South Africa has been ordered to mobilize at Aldershot immediately.

It is reported that Major-General Sir H. Rundell will command it.

LORD METHUEN'S HEALTH.

Advices from Modder River state that Lord Methuen is now perfectly well.

THE SEIZURE OF GERMAN STEAMERS.

BERLIN, JAN. 19.

Count von Buelow, Minister of Foreign Affairs, to-day informed the Reichstag that Great Britain had promised ample compensation and satisfaction for the seizures of steamers under the German flag, and no more German mail boats would be detained on mere suspicion.

Count von Buelow said he hoped there would be no repetition of these incidents, rendering friendly relations between the two countries difficult.

CASUALTIES AT LADYSMITH.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JAN. 20.

The General Officer of Communications in South Africa sends the following to his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in India, dated 18th January. The following is a complete list of the killed at Ladysmith on the 6th January :—

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LUMSDEN'S HORSE.

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The Behar Light Horse are sending fifty men with officers to join Lumsden's Horse, to which Captains Beresford, 3rd Sikhs, Noblett, Royal Irish Rifles, and Taylor, 14th Bengal Lancers, are appointed. One lakh and twenty thousand rupees are already promised towards the equipment of the corps and further subscriptions are invited.

PLAGUE IN BEHAR.

Some hundreds of plague cases have been discovered during the last few weeks in villages about Barh, in Behar, but the outbreak has been taken in hand promptly, and is now nearly completely suppressed.

PROPOSED NEW RAILWAY.

A preliminary survey has been sanctioned by Government of a railway from Mulakwal on the Sind-Sagar section of the N. W. Railway, via Jhang to Tabatek, on the Wazirabad Khanewal Railway.

GOLD AND SILVER RESERVE.

The gold reserve has gone up to nine and a half crores, one crore and eighty lakhs being in London. The silver reserve is seven crores and twenty-nine lakhs.

GAZETTE ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Legislative Department.—Mr. Kirkpatrick, law reporter, Bombay High Court, has been granted nine months' leave, Mr. L. J. Robertson officiating.

Home Department.—Mr. C. H. Hill, I. C. S., is posted to Bombay.

STRIKE IN THE POONA COTTON SILK MILL.

POONA, JAN. 20.

The whole of the hands, employed in the silk department of the Poona Cotton Silk Mill, struck work from the 16th instant. It appears that on the 15th the agents of the mill, Messrs. Hindumal Balmukand, posted a notice, informing the hands employed under them that owing to the depression in the mill industry a reduction of 12 1-2 per cent. would be made on all wages. The hands apparently agreed to the proposal, but on coming to work the next morning the silk-weavers, numbering 250, refused to accept the reduction and intimated their determination to go on strike. They, however, agreed to give their employers a month's notice as required by the rules of the mill, but stipulated that the reduction should not be enforced during this period. The agents refused to consider the proposal, and the hands declined to go to work. They hung about the mill compound demanding their wages for the month of December and for 15 days of January.

Mr. Hogg, the manager, fearing disturbance and also to prevent the strikers from interfering with other workers sent for the police. The latter went over to the mill and induced the people to leave. No disturbance of any sort happened. The whole of the silk-weaving has come to a standstill. Cotton spinning and weaving continue, the hands agreeing to the proposed reduction. The strikers have combined and intend suing the agents for their wages.

FIELD-FIRING AT POONA.

POONA, JAN. 21.

After the manœuvres on Friday the troops retired to Aundh to prepare for the next day's operations. Orders were issued overnight for the scheme of operations for yesterday, the general idea being that a force of infantry with three Field Batteries on the north side of Poona River were supposed to be forming the rear guard of the force retiring to Poona. Colonel Hoskyns, Commanding the Infantry Division, learned that the force, consisting of cavalry and mounted infantry supported by a battery of horse artillery, were located in the vicinity of Hinjouri and were likely to molest his retreat. He was directed to cross the river, and, if possible, to seize the Bund hill and bridge. The retirement began at 8 a.m. The second infantry brigade with battery of artillery were directed to cross the fords at Dapuri. Colonel Hoskyns directed the second brigade under Colonel Collette to retire and take up their position on the south side of Poona river to cover the crossing of the first brigade under Colonel Mackenzie with two batteries of field artillery, which were pushed to the front to cover the crossing of the second brigade. A squadron of cavalry, representing the mounted infantry, under Colonel Tinley together with a battery of horse artillery, moved from Hinjouri, coming into touch with the first brigade at Duba and Pimpri. The action continued throughout the morning. The first lancers succeeded in passing the round by the right flank of their rearguard. One portion of the force was able to stop and fight, whilst the other seized the bridge in the rear. Later in the day General Burnett met the principal officers and criticized on the day's operations and commended the artillery for their good work and praised the action of the troops generally. The troops returned at three in the afternoon.

PREVALENCE OF DACOITY AT JHELUM.

LAHORE, JAN. 18.

News received here from Jhelum states that there has been a marked increase of crime of a violent type in that district within the past few weeks. Since the 2nd December last, when a sudden outburst of lawlessness occurred, over a dozen dacoities have been committed, and a great number of arrests have been made. With [illegible] the victim in each case has been a money-lender who in addition to losing large sums in cash and jewellery, has sustained heavy loss in the destruction of bonds and deeds. This abnormal increase of crime is attributed to the fodder famine, which is said to be the most severe since the annexation of the province, and to the new regime foreshadowed by the Land Alienation Bill, in expectation of which "sahukars" practically decline to lend money, and will only buy land at nominal prices.

LUMSDEN'S HORSE FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

It is notified that candidates for Lumsden's Horse must be between 20 and 40 years old. The pay and allowances will be at British Cavalry rates ; and rations will be supplied free from date of joining. The force will consist of 14 officers, 17 sergeants, 6 artificers, 4 buglers, and 210 rank and file, with 265 horses, and 42 private followers. An adjutant, quarter-master and two company commanders will be drawn from the regular army together with a quarter-master sergeant, two company sergeant-majors, two company quarter-master sergeants, two farrier sergeants, two shoeing smiths, two saddlers, four signallers and two buglers. The officers and men will be equipped as far as possible alike ; officers will be allowed one personal native servant each, and one syce for each horse. The contingent will be armed wit 303 rifles and bayonets, entrenching tools, signalling equipment, and 650 rounds per rifle. The transport mules or ponies will be supplied for reserve ammunition, medical equipment, etc. No member of the corps will be allowed to act as press correspondent, except with the special permission of the military authorities in South Africa. The contingent will be encamped on the Calcutta maidan until embarkment.

THE SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

The subscription list to Lumsden's Horse is published, amounting to one lakh and twenty-two thousand rupees, twenty-eight Calcutta firms giving a thousand rupees each, Messrs. Apcar contributing five thousand, with large subscriptions from native gentlemen and officials.

CHARGERS FROM BHAVNAGAR.

The Maharajah of Bhavnagar has come forward with a princely offer to present fifty Arab chargers, fully equipped, for Lumsden's Horse.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

CAPTURE OF OSMAN DIGNA.

LONDON, JAN. 20.

The "Daily Telegraph" published a telegram from Cairo, announcing that Osman Digna has been captured.

COLONEL PLUMER REACHES GABERONS

Colonel Plumer, with three armoured trains, has reached Gaberons.

NEW PLAGUE CONFERENCE.

Italy has suggested the advisability of a new Plague Conference at Venice.

DEATH OF JOHN RUSKIN.

The death is announced of John Ruskin.

THE RUMOURED RUSSIAN ADVANCE.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JAN. 20.

Reuter's alarmist reports of a Russian army advancing on Kushk and of a Russian agent in Cabul are alike disbelieved in responsible quarters here, where news of any movement of this kind would have arrived through the British Agent in Cabul, long ere it could possibly have been forwarded through Teheran, the whole being evidently merely one of the unfounded bazaar rumours of a kind which are always flying about our own Frontier.

DR. BHALCHANDRA'S KNIGHTHOOD.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

PALANPUR, JAN. 20.

Yesterday a deputation from the Palanpur Social and Literary Association waited upon Sir Bhalchandra to congratulate him on his nomination to knighthood. The deputation requested and he consented to become a patron of the association. This morning an address was presented to Sir Bhalchandra in a beautiful silver casket by the Mahajans of Palanpur, under the presidentship of Prince Talemahmad Khan in the Dilkhush Garden. Sir Bhalchandra in an able speech thanked them in return and the meeting then dispersed.

TELEGRAPHIC LINE REPORT.

JANUARY 21.

STATE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Via Teheran, perfect. Via Turkey, perfect. Via Suez, perfect.

CONTINENT OF EUROPE.—Via Teheran, perfect. Via Turkey, perfect. Via Suez, perfect.

AMERICA.—Via Brest, perfect. Via Valentia, perfect. Via Direct Cable, perfect.

AUSTRALIA.—Via Penang, perfect. Via Amoor, perfect.

CHINA.—Via Penang, perfect. Via Amoor, perfect. Via Bhamo, perfect.

AFRICA.—Via Aden, Interrupted South of Mozambique. Via Cape Town, perfect. Via Lisbon St. Vincent, perfect.

Restrictions :—

Telegrams for Panai Negros (Visayas Islands) are subject to some restrictions as Philippines Islands, but are subject to censure of United States Government.

Censure imposed at Manila (Philippines) on all telegrams containing political news.

Post Master General, London, announces that British Government have decided to suspend at Aden and at the Cape of Good Hope the transmission of all telegrams in Code or Cipher whether of foreign governments or private persons to and from Zanzibar, Seychelles, Mauritius, Madagascar and every place in German East Africa, Mozambique, Delagoa Bay, Rhodesia, British Central Africa, Orange Free State, Transvaal, Cap Colony, Natal, St. Helena and Ascension. Cypher telegrams in plain language are subject to censorship and can only be accepted, at the risk of the sender.

Censorship has been established at Panja and Buenaventura in United States of Columbia.

Telegrams for Bagota, Cucuta, Cartagena, Baranquilla, and Riohacha in Columbia (South America) cannot be accepted. Those for other offices can only be accepted at senders' risk.

Restrictions on private telegraphic correspondence to and from Azores removed, but still apply to telegrams to Madeira.

Telegrams for Venezuela except state are subject to Government censorship and accepted only at senders risk only language admitted on production of code books.

State of communications :—

Cable Jamaica Colon interrupted.

Cable Haiti via Sangier interrupted.

Communication between Mozambique and Lprence Marques interrupted.

Cable Iquique Valparaiso repaired thus restoring com via Galveston with Valparaiso and beyond Land Line Serena Valparaiso interrupted.

Communication between Natal on one side and Orange Free States and Transvaal on the other entirely suspended.

Communication between Cape Colony on one side and Orange Free State and Transvaal on the other entirely suspended.

Communication with Mafeking (Bechuanaland) and beyond interrupted.

This cuts off telegraphic communication with British Bechuanaland, Southern Rhodesia, Nyassaland and Portuguese Zambesia.

There is no land line communication from Mozambique to Beira.

There is a land line between Beira and Quilimane.

Telegrams for places in East Cost Africa which are directed via Luanda and Capetown on account of interruption are accepted at same rates as via Bombay, Aden, during the present week.

ENGLISH POLITICAL AND SOCIAL LETTER.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, JAN. 5.

THE WEEK'S MILITARY OPERATIONS.

The depression caused by the failure of Sir Redvers Buller's first attempt to force the passage of the Tugela has been probably dispelled by the not unimportant successes achieved in Cape Colony and Colonel Pilcher's brilliant performance in particular has been accepted as indicating that the fortunes of war are turning in our favour. The satisfaction caused by the achievements of the gallant force directed so skilfully by Colonel Pilcher is all the greater on account of the part taken in the fighting by the Colonials. They have come out of their baptism of fire with credit and the moral effect of the gallantry displayed by them cannot fail to be considerable, not only in Cape Colony but throughout our Colonial Empire. The hostilities in which they have taken such a prominent part have been described with a copiousness quite novel in this campaign, and although no one thinks for a moment of grudging them their good fortune in having their doings so well reported it is impossible to prevent contrasting the accounts we have received during the past few days from the southern and western frontiers with the meagre telegrams of more important events in other parts of the theatre of war. There is much force in the complaint which in somewhat better language is set forth in the columns of the "Times." "Do the authorities," asks that journal, "think it consistent with the dignity of this country to permit the suppression of news about the checks our troops have suffered, and then to encourage the sending of copious accounts of relatively small successes? Or has the country deserved treatment of this kind by the manner in which it has borne serious disappointments? Were any other nation to resort to this childish destruction of perspective comment in the British Press would be tolerably free. Does the Government imagine that other people are less able to detect our weakness than we are to see theirs? The Thunderer is not to be mollified by "the solemn pretence of the military people" that it is important to keep the enemy in ignorance of our intentions. The Boers, we are told, seem always to know rather more about the inside of our camps than our generals themselves; and, in the second place, there is no excuse of the kind available in the case of past events. There is universal discontent with the manner in which the censoring is being done in this war; and while no one wishes to interfere with the proper discretion of our generals, there is a very strong feeling that want of intelligence on the part of some of the censors rather than fear of withholding information from the enemy has led to much of the mutilation of correspondents' messages. One is really at a loss to understand what possible benefit it would be to General Joubert, if the London papers published the full details of the disaster that overtook Sir William Gatacre's column a month ago. In these days of electric cables it is a great trial of one's patience to wait until we receive the written accounts of battles and even if these are liable to be censored. The ultra-conservative "Globe" observes :—"The time, indeed, has come for a very strong protest as to the manner in which the control over Press telegrams and correspondence has been exercised throughout the present war. The principle of hiding our own movements from the enemy is as laudable as it is elementary, and justifies the infliction of any inconvenience on the public at home. War is not made for the benefit of newspaper readers, but some little gleam of common-sense in the exercise of the censorship is requisite, and so far we have looked for it in vain. We have before us the envelope containing our special correspondent's last letter from the Modder detailing Lord Methuen's earlier engagements. Written on the field of battle, under cheerful compliance with the Press regulations, it could not possibly reach us for publication until nearly three weeks after the events described in it had taken place, yet it has been ripped open on the chance of discovering some indiscreet revelation. Side by side with this we find published in London morning papers of large circulation, not only elaborate letters describing point by point the defences of Ladysmith, but plans and diagrams showing where every gun is posted. All we ask for is fairplay; let it be one thing or the other: let there be a real intelligent censorship which may keep the Boer spies at home in ignorance of what is going on at the front, or let some discretion be given to the war correspondents."

THE AUXILIARY FORCES AND THE WAR.

Although the organisation of the Imperial Yeomanry appears to be making satisfactory progress, one of the prime movers in the movement, your former Governor Lord Harris, has thought it necessary with the candour for which he is celebrated to enter a caveat against the somewhat exaggerated statements that have been made at any rate with regard to his own country. Speaking at Sittingbourne on Tuesday, Lord Harris said that at last, after long years and severe criticisms, and occasional unmerited derision, the Government had acknowledged in the most practical way that in the force of Yeomanry there was existing in the country a useful mounted Volunteer force, to which the country could turn for assistance, beyond its own shores, in a crisis. He saw it stated that a large number of men of the East Kent Yeomanry were being enrolled in the Imperial Yeomanry. That was not the case, and he never supposed that it would be. When the scheme was first announced he calculated that on an average from 20 to 25 per cent. of enrolled yeomen would transfer to the Imperial Yeomanry, and they would find in the end that that would be about the proportion. He thought they would turn out a company from East Kent, officered to a great extent by East Kent Yeomanry officers, and that West Kent would do the same. He had 86 candidates undergoing a musketry course at Hythe this week, who would pass on to Canterbury next week for training in other subjects, and he trusted that the War Office would not be too hasty in sending these companies, largely formed of civilians, out to South Africa. Every days spent here in earnest attention to the many matters of interior economy, as well as of drill, that a mounted soldier ought to know would be time saved on the other side of the water. In one county Dorsetshire which must be an exception to the rule, young farmers of the fox-hunting class are not coming forward quite so eagerly as some could wish, and at Dorchester, the other day, Sir Elliott Lees, M.P., an officer of the Dorset Yeomanry, spoke out pretty straightly on the subject: There were many men who rode hard behind hounds with no ties, young and healthy, and good sportsmen, but where were they now? The gentry had done their duty, many had relatives at the front, and many had volunteered and subscribed largely, but where were the class to whom the Government specially appealed—the hunting farmers? In Dorset they had got about 30, and all honour to them. But they wanted more. They could get men who could ride and shoot if they paid them and found their horses, but what they wanted was the man who brought his own horse and the true yeoman. There were four packs of hounds in Dorset, and he feared they had been very much led astray as to the influence of sport on their national character if they did not find more of the young yeomen of the country coming forward when the very existence of the Empire was at stake. Moreover, the "Globe" has given nervous people somewhat of a shock by declaring that the tests to which the would-be recruits are subjected are of nothing like the proper stringency. "About a third of the men already enrolled are excellent, another third shape well and may be relied on after a little training, but the remainder are said to be nearly worthless. There are men among them who can neither mount nor sit a horse, and one hopeful recruit, when pressed as to his shooting qualifications, claimed that he was accustomed to stalk pheasants with a rifle! Composed of the right men—and the material is abundant—the Imperial Yeomanry will be invaluable at the seat of the war, but if the medical test alone is to be accepted as sufficient to pass the applicant it would be far better to keep the numbers down to the 3,000 originally called for, and insist upon their being picked men." The *Globe*, a strong organ though it be, cannot help suspecting the Government of seeking by means of enthusiasm at home to divert attention from the blunders which have been only too frequent and glaring, both in the departments and in South Africa. Nor is the "Globe" quite happy about the proposal to embody the selected Volunteers as additional companies of the line battalions at the front. No doubt we are told the prospect of thus smelling powder is an incentive to these recruits, but they would be doing far better work if organised into provisional regiments like the Lord Mayor's Own. Placed on the lines of communication they would be able to make available for the front several good battalions at present detained on that unenviable duty. When seasoned and pulled together their turn for active service would come. It seems to the "Globe" a terrible waste to rob our Volunteer regiments of their best material to take the place of drafts from the depot. The admirable "military correspondent" of the "Westminster Gazette" also implores the authorities to strictly adhere to the conditions of efficiency laid down both for Yeomanry and Volunteers, while the "Times" complains of the grudging manner, in which the services of Colonial troops especially those of Cape Colony itself have been accepted. "There is no evidence," says the "Times," "that use has been made of a half or a quarter of the material at our disposal, although it is the very material required to give efficiency to our other preparations." The "Times" has no doubt that the Imperial Yeomanry will do everything that its numbers and its training render possible, "but the men will have everything to learn and a great deal to unlearn, whereas the men on the spot know everything that is known to the Boers and are mounted on the horses of the country instead of upon English hunters accustomed to a wholly different climate. There seems to be some foundation for the statement that certain undesirable persons presumed to be emissaries of Dr. Leyds have sought admittance to the Imperial Yeomanry. Indeed, it is asserted, that two actually were enrolled though they had not attested before it was decided to dispense with their assistance.

THE LORD MAYOR'S OWN.

If nothing else showed it the scenes of enthusiasm at the Guildhall, on Monday and Thursday, when large batches of candidates for the City of London, Imperial Volunteer Regiment were sworn in before the Lord Mayor. There is no danger of the emissaries of Dr. Leyds or those of any other enemy finding their way into the City Regiment, for all the men enrolled are members of existing Volunteer Corps and known to be persons of proved loyalty. What is more they are all marksmen and many have distinguished themselves at Bisley. The Lord Mayor in his excellent speech on Monday said :—"It is a vexed question whether or not this January 1 ushers in the new century, but it is beyond doubt that you to-day inaugurate a new era in our national history. You are here with the deliberate and set intention of voluntarily taking on yourselves the hardships and dangers incidental to a serious campaign. The object you have in view is worthy even of your great sacrifice. The determination which impels your conduct animates the manhood of the nation. We have been forced to the arbitrament of war, and we shall not sheathe the sword until our supremacy is established throughout South Africa—a supremacy which will be universally welcomed as securing in that country equality before the law of all national ties, and, in consequence, real freedom in its best and only true sense. Gentlemen, your splendid patriotism is deeply appreciated. To you belongs singularly the honour of leading the movement which stirs every city, town, and hamlet throughout the Kingdom." But although the response of the London Volunteers to Lord Mayor Newton's appeal has been magnificent it must be admitted that the pecuniary support given by the public (apart from the Corporation itself and the Livery Companies) has not been altogether satisfactory. In spite of a tremendous amount of whipping up and the large contributions referred to the total amount subscribed up to this afternoon was only £92,500 including Mr. Astor's gift of £5,000 towards the cost of a battery of Vickers-maxim guns. This is not a large sum for the richest city of the richest country in the world. I do not forget—I wish I could!—that this is the season when exceptional demands in the shape of tradesmen's bills are made upon one's purse, but I cannot help thinking that many have refrained from subscribing for reasons which the Under-Secretary for War, Mr. George Wyndham, attempts to refute in his letter published to-day. To suppose that the Government is promoting private sub criptions to do work which ought to be done with Government money is according to Mr. Wyndham altogether erroneous. The Government, he tells us, is bearing the whole cost of the Volunteer and Yeomanry contingent, is bearing the whole cost of those forces, providing them directly with their pay, food, and arms, and, through their regiments, with clothing and equipments. But the Government allowance for equipment, &c., is calculated on the Regular Army scale, and the public subscriptions, may be serviceable in the way of making better provision in those directions for the local Volunteers and Yeomanry, of locally overcoming certain difficulties of organization, and of decentralizing a great deal of contracting for horses, saddles, clothing, &c. Why, Mr. Wyndham asks, should the man who volunteers his service in the field bear also all the cost of making himself efficient, and all the cost entailed by his absence from his trade or profession? Surely those who do not volunteer for the front will be glad to assist him or his corps in this instance, just as they have assisted him or his corps in time of peace for 40 years.

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL AND THE BOERS.

Mr. Winston Churchill has, I hope, by this time recovered his normal weight so sadly reduced by the privations attending his flight from Pretoria. He has certainly recovered his spirits and he is sending his paper interesting telegrams from General Buller's camp. But his telegrams, interesting though they be, are not to be compared to the written letters he sent home from Pretoria, and which have been published this week. His account of the disaster that befell the armoured train at Chieveley is a very excellent piece of work and shows that the old stagers at the front—Mr. Bennet Burleigh, Mr. Pearce, and the rest—will have to look to their laurels if they do not wish to be "outranged" by their intrepid young colleague. Mr. Churchill's narrative show that in one respect at all events we were misled by his enthusiastic admirers at the front. We were all thrilled when we read how Mr. Churchill after proceeding on the engine some distance declared that he would not leave the others bear the brunt of the Boer attack and taking a gun from a wounded soldier jumped from the locomotive and hurried back to the scene of the fight breathing slaughter to the Dutch enemy. I regret to say that this was pure romance. Mr. Churchill did jump from the engine but he did not take with him a gun. Nor did he turn back to where the Boers had swooped down upon the unfortunate train. He jumped down because the engine was overcrowded and because, as he says, he thought that its comparative safety might be left for the wounded, those who were scathless being able to use their legs in their flight from overwhelming numbers. When he was being run to earth by two Boers his temper was up and he half regrets that he was unarmed in order to shoot his pursuers. He, however, mentions that when he and the other prisoners commenced their dreary march throughout the rain a Boer seeing he was hatless threw him a cap. The same man had also told the prisoners not to hurry; but to take their time. Mr. Churchill was much surprised at these evidences of humanity after what he had read in books about

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as he styles South Africa. "So they were not cruel men, these enemy," he soliloquises. He had, he says, fully expected every hardship. At Colenso they halted for the night, being accommodated in a corrugated iron shed near the railway station. An Africander, English by race, Boer by choice, whose acquaintance Mr. Churchill made, took off his blanket, which he was wearing with a hole in the middle like a cloak and gave it to the young prisoner to sleep in. He could not sleep. Vexation of spirit, a cold night, and wet clothes withheld sweet oblivion. The rights and wrongs of the quarrel forced themselves on the mind. "What men they were, these Boers! I thought of them as I had seen them in the morning riding forward through the rain—thousands of independent riflemen, thinking for themselves, possessed of beautiful weapons, led with skill, living as they rode without commissariat or transport or ammunition column, moving like the wind, and supported by iron constitutions and a stern hard Old Testament God who should surely smite the Amalekites hip and thigh. And then, above the rain storm that beat loudly on the corrugated iron, I heard the sound of a chaunt. The Boers were singing their evening psalm, and the menacing notes—more full of indignant war than love and mercy—struck a chill into my heart, so that I thought after all that the war was unjust, that the Boers were better men than we, that Heaven was against us, that Ladysmith, Mafeking, and Kimberley would fall, that the Estcourt garrison would perish, that foreign Powers would intervene, that we should lose South Africa, and that would be the beginning of the end. So for the time I despaired of the Empire, nor was it till the morning sun—all the brighter after the rain storms, all the warmer after the chills—struck in through the windows that things reassumed their true colours and proportions." As a commentator in one of the papers observes, it does not follow, of course, that because the Boers are better fellows than we thought them, we are not to fight our hardest against them. But a better conception of the Boer character, and more serious effort to disengage the truth from the literature of "this land of lies," is all to the good or as he expresses it must have important results on the settlement when it comes.

BOER OBSTINACY.

Mr. Churchill repeats a conversation he had previously with the Afrikander who gave up his blanket and with his brother. The war, they said, was going well. Of course, it was a great matter to face the power and might of the British Empire, still they were resolved. They would drive the English out of South Africa for ever or else fight to the last man. Mr. Churchill said, "You attempt the impossible. Pretoria will be taken by the middle of March. What hope have you of withstanding a hundred thousand soldiers?" "If I thought," said the younger of the two brothers vehemently, "that the Dutchmen would give in because Pretoria was taken I would smash my rifle on this rock this very moment. We will fight for ever." And Mr. Churchill could only reply, "Wait and see how you feel when the tide is running the other way. It does not seem so easy to die when death is near." The man said, "I will wait." Then they made friends. Mr. Churchill as a good Englishman hoping that his good samaritan would come safely through the war and live to see a happier and a nobler South Africa under the flag of his fathers. The good humoured character of the foregoing conversation compares very favourably with something related by the special correspondent of the *Times* at Ladysmith who, writing on the 21st of November, says :—"The flag of truce has been in constant request. In previous letters it has been pointed out how constantly the Boers have abused the privileges of the white flag to juggle with the usages of war. But as far as it has been used for

The Queenslanders behaved splendidly, laughing and cheering while under fire.—*Press Association.*

THE OCCUPATION OF DOUGLAS.

With the Flying Column, Douglas,

Tuesday, 7-20 p.m.

At last the long-suffering loyalists of this pretty little town have seen the soldiers of the British Empire, after months of weary waiting, during which they have been exposed to insults and threats. The British flag is again flying over Douglas, and the arrival of Colonel Pilcher's column has restored confidence among the inhabitants. Yesterday's engagement resulted in the entire dispersal of the rebels, who have for the past six weeks been governing the country. Their anger was occasioned mostly by British subjects, who, on the arrival of a Free State commando, which was probably invited, threw in their lot with the enemy, terrorising the loyalists, who are now jubilant. Last night we encamped on Dover Farm, the proprietor of which fled. The Toronto Company remained in the enemy's laager and joined the main body in the morning, bringing the whole of the Boer tents. Shortly afterwards the Cornwalls under Major A-hby marched into camp having performed a splendid march across the veldt. At ten o'clock the Royal Scots started for Douglas, leaving the Cornwalls to garrison the farm. The Queenslanders furnished scouts and formed the advance guard. They were followed by guns, which were escorted by mounted infantry. The Toronto company brought up the rear, riding in waggons. The road lay across an undulating veldt.

At twelve o'clock the natives reported that Douglas was unoccupied. Colonel Pilcher had sent a letter last night to Mr. Warner, the landdrost, announcing his intention of marching on Douglas, and threatening all rebels bearing arms with just punishment. Those surrendering, he added, would be handed over to the civil authorities. At one o'clock the force watered six miles from Douglas, and after a brief halt continued its march. Various reports were received, chiefly from natives, that the enemy would attempt to make a stand. Consequently, Colonel Pilcher, on approaching Douglas, extended the Queenslanders, who gradually worked their way to the outskirts of the town, which is situated in a hollow. Colonel Ricardo sent forward a small advance patrol, which was greeted with loud cheers on entering the place. An extraordinary scene ensued. The inhabitants were in a frenzy of delight. They crowded round the soldiers, shaking hands with them, and their enthusiasm was increased when they learned that their deliverers were Australians and Canadians, as well Imperial troops. It was then three o'clock in the afternoon. Immediately the town was reported unrounded, Colonel Ricardo, at the head of the Queenslanders, marched into the town, along the main street, which was thronged by a large crowd, consisting mostly of ladies. The Canadians entered next, and after them came the artillery. All the troops were received with deaf-ning cheers.

The enthusiasm reached a climax when Colonel Pilcher appeared. Such a welcome has seldom been seen. The inhabitants stated that the landdrost left at ten o'clock last night with the whole of the mounted rebels. The unmounted men, who are described as having been in a state of extreme terror, are reported to have entrenched themselves in the vicinity. Altogether Colonel Pilcher's column has succeeded completely, in its object, the rebels in this district having been dispersed one and for all. The loyalists have now a feeling of security, while the hasty departure of all the Dutch, even the women and children, shows how great was the effect of the march. The Union Jack was hoisted by a band of loyal natives, and the Free State flag was pulled down immediately on the arrival of the column. A quantity of ammunition and a large number of letters showing the entire organisation of the district were captured. As I write the ammunition is being burned. One of the most significant features of the whole affair is the relief of a small British village in the middle of the African veldt by fellow British subjects from Australia and Canada.—*Press Association.*

THE ATTACK ON SURPRISE HILL.

Ladysmith, December 11 (by Messenger to Pietermaritzburg, Thursday).

At ten o'clock last night five companies of the Rifle Brigade, with an Engineer detachment in charge of Lieutenant Digby Jones, received orders to attack Surprise Hill, about three miles northwest of the town, with the object of capturing the enemy's 4-7in. howitzer. The men fell in at half-past ten and promptly marched off; but, finding the moon too bright, waited until half-past one at the base of Observation Hill, when they advanced towards the enemy's lines and the wire fence, crossed the railway line, and began the descent of the hill, leaving one company and a half on the left flank, one company and a half on the right, and half a company in a nullah near the railway. The remainder of the force, with Colonel Metcalfe leading, deployed into line and advanced steadily in skirmishing order up the hill. The enemy were evidently not on the alert, as their picket never challenged until our men were almost on the crest of the hill, when a few shots were fired by Boers. The order was quickly given to fix bayonets, and the summit was carried at the bayonet's point with ringing cheers. The enemy were driven back across the plateau, firing occasional shots. Our men formed up in a semi-circle round the gun, and the breech-block and muzzle were destroyed with gun-cotton. Unfortunately the fuse would not ignite, and this caused a delay of twenty minutes, which enabled the Boers, who had retreated, to rally and receive reinforcements. Accordingly when we commenced to retire down the hill we found that they had swept in from the right and left base, and were between our attacking force and our reserves. The fighting line gave them the cold steel, but owing to the darkness it was difficult to distinguish who was friend and who was foe. Consequently their casualties were not nearly so heavy as they would have been, although they must have lost very considerably. The difficulty of the position was still further increased by the Boers repeating our cries and orders and passing themselves off as our own men. They called out, "Is that the Rifle Brigade there?" When a reply was given they promptly fired. Our reserves were afraid to fire upwards for fear of hitting our own men, who were retiring down the hill. Major Wing, of the 69th Battery, also accompanied the attack as a volunteer.—*Press Association.*

THE CAPTURE OF THE BUNDESRATH.

Durban, Tuesday Evening.

It is stated that the liner Bundesrath has on board five big guns and 50 tons of shell, in addition to 7,000 small. It is also stated that of the passengers on board 180 are trained artillerymen proceeding to the Transvaal. The Prize Court will sit here shortly. The steamer is now in the harbour here. Her cargo is a very heavy one. A guard of bluejackets is placed on board to prevent any of the crew or passengers leaving.—*Central News.*

Berlin, Wednesday.

The Governments of Great Britain and Germany are at present engaged in friendly negotiations here regarding the seizure of the German East Africa Company's steamer Bundesrath. The German Government has made no protest in regard to the affair but has confined itself merely to making a request that the matter should be settled as speedily as possible.

In Governmental quarters here the question of the seizure of the Bundesrath is discussed with calmness, nor is there any reason to suppose from the nature of the negotiations now proceeding between London and Berlin that the incident will cause any friction between the two Governments. Germany, as the "Post" observes, will do her utmost to settle the affair as speedily and quickly as possible, and in a friendly manner according with the good relations existing between the two governments. The journal comments on the "Schadenfreude" which the incident has called forth in Paris, and points out on what a flimsy basis the alleged solidarity of the Powers on the question of intervention rests. "And yet," the journal continues, "certain people, trusting to a Continental combination, not so long ago showed a desire to hazard a passage of arms with Great Britain." The press in general discusses the question from a technical standpoint, on the whole in a temperate spirit. The "Vossische Zeitung" considers the matter has nothing to do with politics, and concerns only international law. The "National Z-itung" affirms that as Great Britain accepted the Declaration of Paris she is bound by its provisions and argues that Great Britain has no right to seize contraband goods on board a neutral ship except when such goods belong to the Boers. The difficulty, in the opinion of the journal, consists in defining what is contraband of war. The "Berliner Neueste Nachrichten" declares that Great Britain is acting in contradiction to her attitude towards France in the Siamese War of 1885. In diplomatic and official quarters the incident is deplored, the more perhaps because of the German Government's own attitude of strict neutrality and official friendliness towards Great Britain, is not pursuing a popular policy, and has therefore a more difficult task to perform in appeasing a certain section of the Chauvinists. A prompt settlement of the affair is therefore ardently desired here as is also a formal declaration on the part of Great Britain with regard to the whole question of contraband of war.—*Reuter.*

JOHANNESBURG AND PRETORIA IN MOURNING.

Durban, Saturday, 1-45 p.m.

A lady refugee from Johannesburg arrived here to day, after being four days on the way and enduring considerable hardship. She states that all the leading Dutch families in Pretoria and Johannesburg have been placed in mourning by the warand there are daily lamentations over the wounds, fathers, and brothers who have been killed in battle. After persistent efforts to conceal the truth as to the Boer casualties the Pretoria Executive are now privately circulating a garbled list of the burghers killed since the commencement of the war. Information which the newspapers have been forbidden to publish under severe penalties. There is naturally great indignation that the casualty lists have been so long withheld from those most deeply concerned in knowing the truth. In some cases months have elapsed since the burghers whose names are now printed were killed in battle. The official reports of Boer losses published at Pretoria from time to time are declared to be wholly misleading and deficient.—*Central News.*

GENERAL GATACRE'S POSITION.

BOER ADVANCE ON MOLTENO.

Sterkstroom, January 3.

Early this morning the Boers occupied Molteno on their way south. A force was sent out to meet them from our advanced camp at Bushman's Hoek. The first shot was fired by the Boers at eight in the morning, a gauntlet from a big gun which they had mounted on an eminence in front of Bushman's Hoek. Subsequently large bodies of the enemy were observed marching on the hill opposite the guns. The Kaffrarian Rifles, the Mounted Infantry of the Inniskillings and Rangers, and the Cape Mounted Police composing the Bushman's Hoek force, immediately engaged the Boers, and at daylight at the request of Sir Redvers Buller, all dispositions were made for the attack. At six o'clock Gen. Gatacre established his head-quarters for the same of action on the Royal Scots and the 78th Highlanders.

The force slowly wound its way up the corkscrew road, and the enemy's Hoek in the vicinity of Penny's Boer Store was plainly visible. Their big gun was in action, and they were keeping up a desultory fire from the heights which they occupied. The Royal Scots commenced to advance on the enemy's left flank, the left of which is protected by a kopje. Simultaneously the 78th Highlanders, who had made a descent to the right to gain a flanking position, at half-past two our artillery had come into position and the infantry were skirmishing, waiting orders to advance. The artillery had not been firing for more than ten minutes when the Boers hastily withdrew their guns and retreated, the bulk of their forces advancing and retiring alternately to cover the retirement. Our Mounted Infantry had, meanwhile, gradually worked their way beyond Cyphergat on the left, with a view to outflanking the Boer position, but the withdrawal of the enemy, who declined to withstand our artillery fire which was excellent, disappointed them. The Boers carried off all their baggage in addition to their big gun.

When Gen. Gatacre's forces was engaged, news was anxiously awaited to the doings of the Berkshires, the Frontier Mounted Rifles, the Cape Mounted Police and others, who were sent up in Camp at Molteno. At last a horseman was seen galloping across the veldt. He brought tidings that the camp there was in a tight place, but all were well and had sustained no casualties.

Reuter's correspondent, riding to Cyphergat, found it deserted and everything in a state of confusion, the landlord of the hotel stated that 40 Boers had entered the township at one in the morning seized the railway and post-office, cut the wires, and plundered two stores. They then retired. The enemy made a determined attack on the 140 Cape Police and 60 men of the Kaffrarian Rifles at Molteno, but were completely repulsed, though the Police were in a hot corner, five shells falling into their camp. No Boers are now to be seen in the neighbourhood of Molteno.—Reuter's Special Service.

RETIREMENT OF THE ENEMY.

Sterkstroom, January 4.

The enemy have now completely retired from Molteno. Their motive in advancing is unknown They possibly intended to distract attention from another movement or to draw Gen. Gatacre into another trap. Our casualties in yesterday's fighting are believed to be nil, though hundreds of rounds were fired.—Reuter.

Sterkstroom Camp, January 4, Evening.

All the Boers have now retreated beyond-Molteno. Our positions are unaltered. The Boer artillery fire in yesterday's fighting was very heavy, but was ill aimed and caused us no loss. The enemy suffered some slight loss from our artillery fire. The rocks were bespattered with blood where our shells had burst. All the troops Gen. Gatacre sent up on Bushman's Hoek yesterday morning have now returned to camp here.—Central News.

GENERAL FRENCH'S POSITION.

BOERS REPULSED: A GALLANT FIGHT.

Ransberg, January 4, 9.35, p.m.

The enemy unexpectedly attacked our left flank at daybreak this morning but were repulsed. They thereupon occupied the hills to the north, from which they were eventually driven after some hours of shelling. The Boers still hold the hills immediately surrounding the town (Colesberg), and check our advance along the railway. Our losses are slight. It is reported that the enemy have lost about 100 including 20 prisoners who were taken by the Mounted Infantry at noon.—Reuter's Special Service.

Ransburg Military Telegraph Station.

January 4, Night.

A strong Boer force, estimated at a thousand men, marched from Colesberg during the night and attacked the left flank of Gen. French's orce at five o'clock this morning. Half a battalion of the Suffolk regiment and two companies of the Royal Berkshire Regiment were opposed to the Boers. The enemy kept up a steady and persistent fire, and attacked with determination. Four guns of the Royal Horse Artillery were moved up, and opened fire compelling the Boers to draw back a little for shelter.

The Suffolks and Berkshires kept up a hot fire upon the positions taken up by the Boers, while the 10th Hussars and a detachment of Royal Horse Artillery moved against the right flank of the enemy. The Boers retired upon a kopje. After the heavy rifle and shell fire had been kept up for some time the Mounted Infantry dismounted and charged the position. The defeat was complete. Nineteen prisoners were taken, while the enemy lost about 50 killed and wounded. Our losses are very slight. A feature of the fighting was a charge made by a squadron of the Inniskilling Dragoons. At the commencement of the attack they cut their way clear through a body of Boers who were taken by surprise. Several of the enemy were killed and wounded here. It has been ascertained that besides their heavy losses in men on Monday last two field cornets were killed.—Central News.

Ransburg, January 4.

The Boers attacked the kopje held by the Suffolk Regiment, to the west of our position at daybreak with a heavy shell and rifle fire. Reinforcements were at once sent from the East. The object of the Boers was to outflank our position but the movement was repulsed. The Boers are believed to have been strong hereabouts from the fact that their force was 1,000 strong. The fight commenced three miles north of Colesberg by the driving in of a picket of the Inniskillings on the main body, which turned out and charged the enemy, killing several. The Boers retired to the kopje, where they were subjected to a hot fire by the Berkshires, the Suffolks and four guns of the Horse Artillery, which forced them to take cover.

Four Boer guns and two Vickers quickfirers opened in reply on the British fire, but the 10th Hussars and the Horse Artillery threatened the Boers on the right, and this caused a general retirement. A few small parties, who returned to the kopjes for shelter, were subjected to a hot cross fire, resulting in which 150 mounted infantry carried the position, taking 19 prisoners and killing and wounding 50. The Boers are still occupying hills to the southeast of the town, and have also retired a few miles to the north. It has transpired that Piel, of the Carbineers, and Lieut. Hodger attached to the 10th Hussars, who were captured on Sunday, by the Boers, mistook the latter for the New Zealanders. They made a desperate effort to escape when they discovered the mistake, but were unsuccessful.—Dalziel.

Cape Town, January, 5, 8-25 a.m.

The Boers still hold their main positions at Colesberg though the British have taken up a stronger position to the west of the town.—Reinforcements of artillery and infantry are now arriving.—Dalziel.

SKIRMISHES ON THE TUGELA.

Frere Camp, January, 4, 6-55 p.m.

Thorneycroft's men and the South African Light Horse have had several skirmishes with the enemy and have brought back a large quantity of forage taken from the enemy's wagons. Lord Dunraven with a body of his men, visited a house near the Tugela river which the Boers had evacuated. They had, however, only crossed the river, and from there they opened a heavy fire on our men. Our naval guns were then brought into action, and sent several shells into the enemy's trenches with great effect scattering the Boers along the banks of the river to the east ward.—Exchange Company.

NATIVES STARVING AND RESTLESS.

Pietermaritzburg, January 4.

The Nondweni correspondent of the "Times of Natal," states that the Zulus are eager to oppose the Boers. When the report was circulated that the Boers were preparing to attack 200 of Dinizulu's headman, came to the magistrate and offered their services. They were pacified and sent to their kraals. It is feared that the fighting spirits among the natives will soon pay no heed to any magistrate, as they are in a state of hunger, on the verge of starvation. A band of 400 have looted a store of 120 bags of meal.—Reuter.

The Durban correspondent of the "Central News" writes:—"The Natal Government, after repeated petitions from the Zulus asking to be allowed to fight against the Boers, has now permitted a considerable number of these natives to arm for the purpose of self-defence, Governor Sir Walter Hely-Hutchinson has informed the principal chiefs that they may fight if they should be attacked by armed Boers, but in no other circumstances. Ever since the war began the Zulus have been chafing against the restraints imposed upon them, and the permission now officially granted has caused them much satisfaction."

COLONEL PILCHER'S EXPEDITION.

BELMONT, JAN. 4.

The refugees from Douglas and the 43 rebel prisoners captured at Sunnyside are expected here to-day, having left Cook's Farm this morning. The enemy's loss in the fight at Sunnyside was about 30, including 14 killed. Their leader Schmid was captured yesterday.—Reuter.

ADDRESS TO THE REBELS.

Cook's Farm, January 4 (Via Thornhill and Belmont, January, 4),

The Douglas refugees passed a comfortable night here. They were sent forward this morning under escort to Belmont, together with the captured rebels.

Before their departure Col. Pilcher paraded the prisoners, and asked all those who were Free-staters, or Transvaalers to step from the ranks. He said it was his intention to treat all such persons as prisoners of war. They would receive every comfort compatible with their situation. Rebels who had been enjoying a benedicent government but had taken up arms against the Queen would, however, have meted on to them the punishment due to the heinous crime of rebellion.

Nobody stepped from the ranks so that there were evidently no Boers from the Republic among their number. When first captured the prisoners were sullen and refused to answer questions, but the reason of their sullenness was at once explained. He was heavier that was at first computed. He declared that 14 were killed, and that one man's head was carried away by a shell. Their strength was about 180. All of the rebels complain bitterly that no proper watch was kept.

The part which met Lieut. Adie and four Queenslanders was fired without warning the laager and the surprise of the latter was absolutely complete. The rebels had trusted entirely to the natives for obtaining full warning of the movement of any body of British troops.

Col. Pilcher's plan of confining natives before he started, therefore, proved eminently successful. Lieut. Adie is now pronounced to be out of danger, and the doctors anticipate his speedy recovery. It is stated that a force of the enemy was detached from Magersfontein and occupied Sunnyside on Friday, but no confirmation of this news has been received, and it seems most unlikely. The horses of Col. Pilcher's column are resting to-day.—Reuter's Special Service.

THE Bishop of London has issued a New Year's message to his clergy, in which he says the voice of God is rebuking our pride and our self-conceit; Sir Edward Clarke in declining to support the proposal for a Humiliation Day says that a day so set apart would be kept as a holiday, and pulpits would be used, as they are being used every Sunday, to inflame the pride and passion of our people and dull, and scar their consciences; and Mr. Frederic Harrison in his annual address at Newton Hall has been expatiating on the decadence of our national life which according to him began when Disraeli by the proclamation of the Queen as Empress of India, "founded that Imperialism which had grown since like a upas tree, and had poisoned Conservatives, Whigs, and Radicals alike." Mr. Gladstone himself, with many reserves and excuses" Strange to say all this passes practically without protest except in the columns of the "Daily News," whose backslidings over this war are a source of so much trouble to the nonconformist Conscience.

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IMPERIAL TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATION.

A MEETING convened by the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday in the banqueting-hall of the Exchange Station Hotel, Liverpool, to hear Sir Edward Sassoon, M.P., deliver an address on "Imperial Telegraphic Communication." Mr. Danson, president of the chamber occupied the chair, and said that since 1894 the chamber had taken an active part in the agitation for a reduction of the cost of cables to India and other parts of the Empire, and they welcomed Sir Edward Sassoon, who was chairman of the Imperial Telegraph Committee of the House of Commons. The Chamber maintained that the reduction of rates to India should be 1s per word. Half-measures would not do at all. (Cheers.)

The Lord Mayor, having to leave for another meeting, moved a resolution recommending that support should be given to the action which the Imperial Telegraph Committee of the House of Commons proposes to take with the view of placing the important matter of electrical communication between the United Kingdom, India, and the British colonies and dependencies on a footing common under with the greatly altered conditions of Imperial and colonial relations. He suggested that in order to reduce Indian rates 50 or 75 per cent. the Indian Government should guarantee a sum sufficient to subsidise. If such guarantee was necessary, he hoped it would be received. (Cheers.)

Sir E. A. Sassoon then read his paper. He said that on behalf of the House of Commons Imperial Telegraph Committee he thanked them for their presence which might be regarded as a protest against one of the most gigantic impositions to which, perhaps, any civilized community had yet to submit. Whenever a reform had to be initiated, whenever that movement assumed the proportions and perspective of a serious and a determined agitation, when the defects and irregularities of an obsolete and mischievous system which such a movement sought to expose and to remedy had to be subjected to the ordeal of public scrutiny and criticism, it was to Lancashire that they turned.

EXCESSIVE CHARGES.

For a great many years past the burden of the excessive charges exacted for Imperial telegraphic communication had been felt by all the constituent portions of the Empire and nowhere had it been more severely felt than in Lancashire. At the instance of Mr. Hesketh Bell, deputations from 50 members assembled in Committee-room No. 15, and after several conferences it was decided to approach the Chancellor of the Exchequer. It was he who granted the subventions which had enabled the associated group of telegraph companies to acquire the powers which they had, and which enabled them to impose their terms upon a long-suffering community. They laid before him, in broad outline, the grievances complained of by the trade centres, and the numerous but unfortunately fruitless attempts that had been made from time to time both by the Imperial and the Indian Governments, to get the companies to agree to reasonable concessions. The Chancellor of the Exchequer expressed himself as being in absolute agreement with them and admitted "that at any rate with regard to India there is a very considerable grievance in the cost of telegraphic communication, and, whether the matter had better be approached in the first instance by Royal Commission or by a committee of the House of commons or whether it is possible by the action of the departments principally concerned, the Post-Office and the Indian Government, or by some such process as Sir Edward Sassoon is now moving with the view of making different systems a good deal might be done to improve the position. These are all points which I will bring to the attention of my colleagues." He had an interview with the French Minister of Posts and Telegraphs, who expressed himself in his personal adhesion to the principle for which they were contending—viz, that the full inland rates of the two countries should not be exceeded. He gave the following instances of the charges he proposed to resist. A 400 word message for India and even for Australia via India were despatched through the land lines abutting on the Persian Gulf, and a word to Fao, at the head of the gulf cost 6½d. Half from there to the Indian frontier or the charge went at a bound to 3s. 6d. London to Gibraltar, the same distance as Fao to Karachi, 3s 1-2d.; to Vancouver, 6,000 miles, 1s. 6d.; to Accra (Gold Coast), same distance, 6s. 3d.; to Alexandria, same distance, 1s. 7½d.; to Perth (W. Australia), 11,100 miles, 4s. 7½.; to Bombay, 6,300 miles, 4s.; to Borneo, 9,500 miles, 5s.; to Lagos, 5,200 miles, 7s. 1½.; to Tunis, 1,400 miles, 2d.; to Bermuda 3,900 miles 2s. 4d. Working expenses would be now so low, thanks to the duplex and Morse systems, which economized time, that in Queensland they could telegraph 3000 miles for one penny. Another instance—St. Petersburg to Vladivostok, 6,000 miles, 1s 2d. whereas Shanghai, a few hundred miles further, they paid 5s. The charge to Australia only a few years ago used to be 9s. per word but after the reduction to 4s. and 4s. 9d. per word all the preliminary sacrifice of revenue in Australia turned out a success.

INDIA AND AFRICA.

He next considered the case of South Africa, where the dread of competition brought about a wholesome change in the attitude of the Companies. He then dealt at length with the case of India, enforcing his argument by the figures he had quoted. The telegraph companies, he said, held India paralysed in their grasp, so that, however willing the Indian Government might be to meet reasonable demands it could not be done as that Government was apparently the bound slave of these all-powerful companies. Now what they desired to know was, how came it that the Indian Government had for so long remained passive and quiescent spectators while those rulers and shackles were being imposed by the telegraph companies upon the industrial, commercial, and social classes of the community? They also wanted to know why it was that the land line connecting Constantinople with Cairo was so inaccessible to the public. They wanted to know the reason why the Turkish land lines along the Euphrates Valley were equally inaccessible to them. If they could not have free trade in telegraphic communication, if they must suffer from the effects of some necessary protection to the companies let them not do it still and with veiled hands, submit to this pernicious and, all absorbing system of county-fed lines and cables. They were very much in the dark as to the nature of the negotiations entered into by the associated companies with the Turkish, Persian, Egyptian and Indian Governments; the Foreign Office refused information on the ground that the publication of the companies would have to be previously obtained. This permission did not appear to be forthcoming. What was it they were afraid of divulging to the public? Why all this sinister and nebulous concealment, if everything was plain and above board? He asked them, as practical men of business whether it was right or proper that on a matter affecting the welfare of their commerce their shipping, and their industries, arrangements should be concluded and kept secret without their having a word to say, or being able to lift a finger against any of the provisions which may be obnoxious or detrimental to their interests. (Hear hear.) They were consequently driven to greater unity in their efforts to wrestle with powerful corporations thus bolstered up and protected. He next gave them an instance of the strong position to which these companies had attained by the apathy of the public interest. Before the Folkestone Chamber of Commerce he had referred to the breakdown of the cable between Delagoa Bay and Mozambique—one of a system for which the proprietary company had received over £1,400,000 from the State in the shape of subsidies. This cable, though laid 20 years ago, had not been duplicated and was interrupted from October 31 till November 15 last. A few days after its restoration came the news of another interruption of more than a week's duration between Aden and Zanzibar to another unduplicated cable laid 20 years ago. Both of these were lines upon which they had to depend for the rapid transmission of news from the seat of war, and when these were interrupted they were only able to get news by the long land line through Natal to Cape Town, and so home along the West Coast of Africa cables. Were they not entitled to ask to what uses the public funds so lavishly supplied had been devoted? Was it understood that these subsidies were to be applied, however indirectly, towards buying out or appropriating accessible land lines to bar part of the world for the deliberate purpose of smothering and strangling competition, instead of being employed to keep the cables so freely subsidized in a state of efficiency by timely duplication, so that in the hour of need they might be of service to the nation? (Hear hear.) The rates of the companies, though they were reasonable when the enterprise was in its infancy, were now, in view of the enormous increases of traffic, wholly antiquated and intolerable; and as to codifying, all the contrivances of codes and condensation had now reached their high mark of perfection, therefore no relief in that direction could be looked for. It had been argued by those who supported the monopolists, against those methods as they now raised their pet-text, that by the use of codes the public while only paying for one code word were actually getting the value of the ten or twelve words which such code word might actually mean, and that for this reason the public could not be overcharged. This was said to be clearly false reasoning, as although many commercial houses had been driven to the use of codes by the high rates maintained, the general public were not in such a fortunate position. In any case, the telegraph companies were paid for the words they actually transmitted, and that coding had had no evil effect as far as their traffic was concerned, was shown by the large annual increase in the revenues of these companies in question. Another fact. With the awakening of the constituent elements of the Empire to the necessity of drawing closer together to the mother country, a demand had arisen for facilities for rapid transmission of a social character; that demand was irrepressible, and it was also one which no Government could wish or afford to neglect. A good deal of the toleration shown by the public towards these companies was undoubtedly attributable to the belief: (1) that they were in possession of "all-British" cables; (2) that these cables were altogether beyond the reach of danger in time of war. He was afraid that the intelligent British public had lulled themselves into a false sense of security, for not only were these companies' cables not "all-British," they were not even mainly fixed on British landings, the link of them were switched on at Lisbon, Madeira, St. Vincent, Egypt, Java, and other foreign territories, and, regarded their vulnerability he had pointed out in letters to "The Times" that several cables were easily cut by the American men-of-war and in some cases, as in the case of the link from Hongkong to the Philippines, cable communication was wholly interrupted. Admiral Dewey having had no difficulty in performing the operation. In the House of Lords, Lord Carnarvon stated in 1885 that "the Russian Government had a carefully elaborated scheme for taking measures against our submarine cables in Eastern waters." Sir John Ardagh, Director of the Military Intelligence Department, distinctly pointed out that in the event of our being Europe, or any thing happening in that quarter we were to our interests, the Mediterranean cables to Australia, India and the East generally would be cut at once." This actually did occur during the bombardment of Alexandria. So much for these two pleas.

THE PROPOSED CHANGES.

The scheme which they proposed for immediate consideration was briefly as follows:—They aimed at securing for the world as numerous one. A very simple way of overcoming the difficulties was pointed out in an excellent paper read before the Society of Arts by Mr. E. O. Walker, C.I.E., who was lately in the service of the Indian Government and Telegraph Department, and this project it was which they recommended to their attention. The map showed that the Russian land lines ran from the Caspian Sea, which they reached at the north-west frontier of Afghanistan at Kooshk (about 70 miles north of Herat); from Kooshk *via* Herat and Kandahar and Afghanistan, Quetta (a total distance of, say, 450 miles. A land line could be erected between Kooshk and Chaman, which latter formed part of the Indian telegraph system, for about £30 000. Now, the cost of a telegram from London to Kooshk was only 6d. per word if sent direct via Russia, and the cost of a telegram from any one part of India or Burma to any other part was 2d. per word; to this total of 8d. they had to add the amount due for transit through Afghanistan, say, at most 4d. and in this way they could hope to see the rate to India reduced to 1s. per word. This line would meet the conditions of the Meshed to Herat route, of the possibilities of which Lord Curzon from his experience of the country spoke favourably, as since the time of his visit the Meshed line, which formed portion of the Persian land line system had been connected with Merv and thus with Kouschk. Authorities were also united as to the facility with which the Persian Gulf cables, which formed such an exceedingly link in the chain to India could be reinforced by the construction of a land line from Shiraz to Jask in Persia, which, if erected (and its erection was estimated to cost about £35,000), would complete the overhead line from London to Calcutta with the exception of the short cable across the Channel. It was in this way that they might hope to see the present high rates to India reduced. Having thus reached Burma at the rate of 1s. per word, let them turn their attention further East. Here they found that Burmese lines reach down the Malay Peninsula as far as Margin. A gap of 200 miles existed between this point and Penang, from whence a line runs south to Durian Sarai, followed by a gap of 60 miles to Jelabu. From Jelebu the line to Malacca already existed, and a distance of 150 miles from Malacca to Singapore was still unbridged. Thus, by the erection of some 450 miles of land line Singapore could be reached for about 1s. 6d. per word, provided that the Afghanistan line also were established. It was to the accomplishment of the project sketched out above that he earnestly directed their attention and claimed their support. (Cheers.) All they asked for was fair play and bare justice. The facts were peopled in the augories encouraging and with their intelligent sympathy, aye, with their earnest, strenuous, and unfaltering support they should before long record a great and a beneficent triumph. (Cheers.)

Mr. Alfred L. Jones seconded the resolution which had been moved by the Lord Mayor, and the motion was adopted.

Lord Derby moved "That copies of the resolution be addressed to the Premier and other Ministers, urging that an early day be set apart for discussion in Parliament of the position of the telegraph companies in relation to the Government, with a view to remedying serious grievances, and that the members of Parliament for Lancashire be invited to support this action." He said that what they had to do was to persuade the Chancellor of the Exchequer and his colleagues to favourably regard the idea of giving a guarantee against heavy loss during the transition period. (Cheers.)

Mr. C. McArthur, M.P., seconded, and said he was inclined to think that the only true remedy lay in competition.

Mr. Yerburgh, M.P. supported the resolution, which was carried and thanks were then voted to Sir Edward Sassoon.

ROUTES FOR CONTRABAND OF WAR.

THE German mind is somewhat exercised over recent British activity in searching for contraband of war, and more especially over the reported capture of three German officers and twenty men khaki-clad, and presumably on their way to join the Boers. The German Press compares this Bundesrath incident with the Trent affair. But there is this vital difference, the Federal commander stopped a British mail steamer and took out of it the Confederate Commissioners and their secretaries, while in the present case the position of the passengers and the status of the cargo will be decided by a competent court, and not by the arbitrary action of a naval officer.

GERMAN WEST AFRICA.

It is, moreover contended by the Germans that we should have as much right to search vessels for German West Africa as we have to search those bound for Lorenco Marques. The statement is a very misleading one. From the Bight of Biafra, a vast stretch of desert that lies between the coast and that portion of the Cape Colony, or the Bechuanaland Protectorate, which marches with the German frontier, it is unlikely that any adventurous vessel will be ready to run contraband of war by this route, seeing that it would have the additional disadvantage of having to pass through a considerable stretch of British territory before reaching the hands of the Boers. At the same time, it is understood that efforts are being made by the Boers to obtain possession of Kuruman and various points in the Western districts of Griqualand West may indicate a belief on their part in the benevolent attitude of the Germans and the possibility of receiving assistance from them.

THE LIMPOPO

Reference was made in "The Globe" a few days ago to a possible use of the Limpopo River for transporting contraband of war. The facts regarding this route are interesting, and are set forth at length in the report of the action brought against the Chartered Company by Dr. Jameson and others in February, 1897. In the statement of his case it appears that previous to 1884 it had been found impossible to enter the Limpopo, as the conditions obtaining at its mouth differ from those of any other south African river. Accordingly in that year, Captain Chaddock fitted out a small yacht of 16 tons and carried out an exploration at the cost of over £2,000 with the greatest success. With each ebb tide he steamed down and a full head of steam the tiny vessel was rushed at full speed through the breakers and a practicable passage was found in the direction expected by Captain Chaddock on the south-east. In 1889 Captain Chaddock saw Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Rhodes gave him full particulars of his doings, and he, being at that time anxious to conciliate the Boers, advised the explorer to see Mr. Kruger and make an agreement with him. An agreement was signed between Captain Chaddock and Dr. Leyds, in virtue of which Captain Chaddock virtually gave an option to the Transvaal for the purchase of all his rights up to the end of May, 1890. He then went to Lisbon to secure certain concessions from the Portuguese Government, and afterwards to The Hague, where the attitude of the Transvaal officials led him to suppose that the Boers were guilty of double dealing. Accordingly, early in 1890 he saw Lord Gifford, who recognised the great value of the discovery so far as the Chartered Company was concerned, and hinted at a purchase on their part.

There were certain subsequent negotiations with the Company, which were apparently inconclusive. In any case later, in 1890, Mr. Rhodes so Captain Chaddock allages sent him to Mr. Kruger to negotiate for co-operation in opening the Limpopo under international control. Subsequently Mr. Van Beck-tt the well-known Pretoria merchant who is "persona grata" with Mr. Kruger advised Captain Chaddock not to mention Mr. Rhodes' name in the matter, as it would be fatal to the negotiations. Later on an expedition was sent up with "sweet wines"—the South African euphemism for arms and ammunition when illicitly run—to Ganganhana. The expedition was commanded by a Captain Pawley. On board the vessel employed, the Countess of Carnarvon, which was bringing down Dr. Jameson and Messrs. Doyle, Stevens, and Moodie, to meet Mr. Rhodes, was captured in the Limpopo by a Portuguese customs' steamer though the river had been declared open to British commerce by Gunganhana, who repudiated Portuguese sovereignty. The matter ended, however, in favour of the Portuguese. By running goods up the Limpopo and turning off up the Olifants River, contraband of war might easily be introduced into the Transvaal.

RUSSIAN AGGRESSION ON THE FRONTIER.

THE Odessa correspondent of the *Standard* wrote on January 1:—From a credible military source I am informed that an additional force of 30,000 troops is to be pushed forward to the Afghan frontier with all possible expedition, and all officers on leave from the Central Asian garrisons have been commanded to rejoin the colours forthwith. I cannot, of course, vouch for the truth of this report, but I can rely upon the honesty of my informant, who is known to the highest authorities. Of my own personal knowledge I can corroborate the accuracy of the latter part of the report concerning the sudden recall of all officers recently on furlough to their various garrisons in Central Asia.

The Berlin correspondent of the same paper writes last night:—Well-informed persons here do not believe that Russia intends making use of England's present embarrassments to hasten the execution of her designs in Central Asia especially as she would do well to await further development in South Africa before deciding upon a course of action from which she could not recede. At the same time, it is considered not improbable that large reinforcements may have been sent to Central Asia. According to the "Kolnische Zeitung," a mixed battalion of Rifles, taken from the four battalions of the Caucasian Rifle Brigade, was on Dec. 24, suddenly mobilised and sent from Tiflis to Central Asia by rail, together with a force of artillery under Brigade Commander Baron Salza. A further despatch of troops is expected shortly. According to one report the number will be first amount to 10,000 men. The "Vossische Zeitung" is of opion that these military movements need give rise to no immediate alarm being merely intended to test the capacity of the Central Asia Railway. The "Kolnische Zeitung," on the other hand, states that the troops will not return to the Caucasus, but will remain in Central Asia.

In military circles here it is to-day Dec. 30 rumoured that two divisions of the Army of the Caucasus are under preparatory orders to hold themselves in readiness, if required, to proceed eastward across the Caspian, their ultimate destination being unknown. I give you this report under due reserve, as I am unable to verify or contradict it authentically.

THE INDIAN GOLD RESERVE.

THE following letter is published in the *Times*, and refers to the gold reserve now being formed by the Indian Government:—

Jan. 1.

Sir,—It will be of interest to point out the progress made in building up a gold reserve for the Indian currency.

On Nov. 22, 1899, the date of the last published report of the Indian Paper Currency Department received in England, the total metallic reserve of the department amounted to 17,50,40,135 rs., of which 7,02,10,894 rs. consisted of gold, 5,89,60,804 rs. or 3,930 7202, being held in India, and 1,12,50,000 rs. or 750,0002 in London under Act II of 1898.

The gold reserve represents an increase to the rupee circulation of India brought about by the automatic action of trade.

At the date of the report of Sir Henry Fowler's Committee (July 7) the gold held amounted to 3,51,79,125 rs., so that the rupee circulation has increased by about 3 1-2 crores in a period of less than seven months.

It would appear that before very long the metallic reserves of the Indian Paper Currency Department may be held equally in silver rupees and gold a proposition which I have always held, would justify the Government in taking steps to increase the coinage of rupees, so long as by so doing the proportion of the metallic reserve of the Paper Currency Department held for silver shall not be more than one-half of the whole.—I am, obediently,

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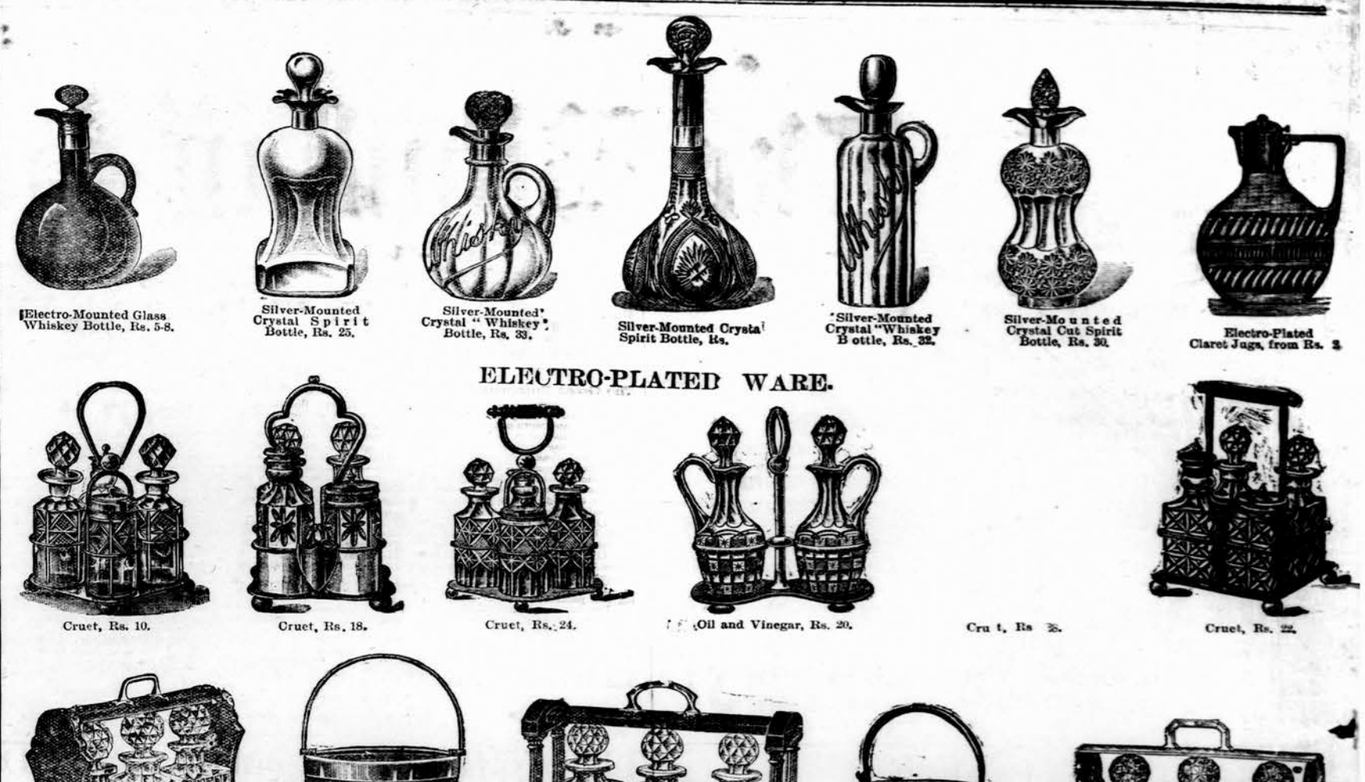
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